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Faculty threaten to boycott employee giving campaign

by Chris LaRosa '03
SENIOR EDITOR

A movement is underway among faculty members to boycott the college's employee giving campaign, which provides funding to the United Way of the Greater Utica Area. In objection to the United Way's continued funding of the Land of the Oneidas Boy Scouts, an organization that denies membership or participation to gay scout leaders or scouts, a petition is circulating urging faculty and staff to "say yes to meeting local needs, but say no to the United Way." A motion will also be presented at the next faculty meeting to make a resolve that the college should cease providing institutional support to the United Way.

Last year 40, employees signed a petition and boycotted the campaign. The campaign fell $13k short of its $43k goal, while donations decreased 25 percent in value over the previous year's campaign. This year, over 75 employees have signed the petition and will forgo donating money to the United Way. The petition also calls on signers to donate money to charities directly.

Executive Director of the United Way of the Greater Utica Area Scott Ferguson said that every organization receiving United Way funds is required to sign a nondiscrimination contract.

"Since they signed the contract, locally we feel they are [not discriminating]. If anybody violates a portion of that contract, we look at it," said Ferguson.

Nationally, The Boy Scouts of America do not allow gay members and have a Supreme Court ruling backing that right. The local chapter, in accordance with the national policy, will remove any openly gay member.

"The Boy Scouts here signed [the contract] and publicly said they would remove a gay [scout or leader] as soon as they found out," said Assistant Professor of Philosophy Kirk Pillow.

Each year the college provides employees with the option of having money deducted directly from their paychecks to help fund the local United Way. The United Way uses the funds to provide over 70 local organizations with money and cover their own administrative costs. The United Way is the only charity that college employees can contribute to directly out of their paychecks.

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Campus sees discussion as key to improving town-gown relations

By Chris Takacs '05
NEWS EDITOR

A student assembly meeting on Tuesday, September 17th, scheduled by the Dean of Students Office at the request of President Tobin, was held to discuss town-gown relations after 14 students were arrested in Clinton the weekend before last. The meeting, which consisted primarily of students living in town, faculty members, and members of the administration, was the second in as many weeks to address students living in town.

Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell stated at the beginning of the meeting that "this is not intended to be a complaint, moan and groan [discussion]. We are trying tonight to focus on solutions [to] a situation that has developed very quickly this year."

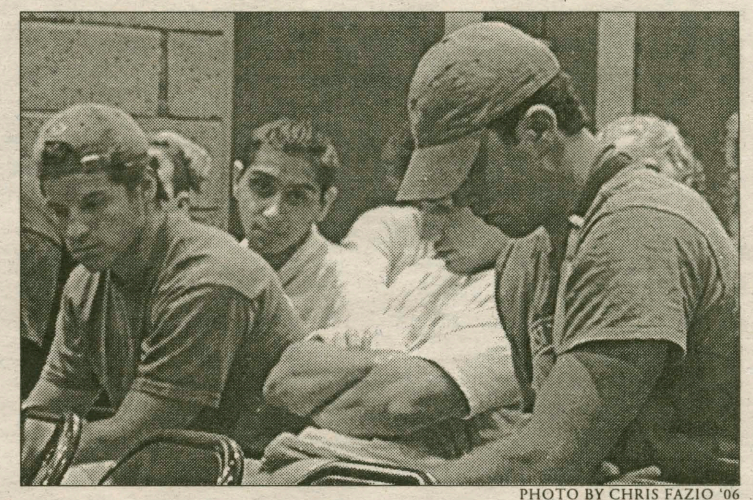

PHOTO BY CHRIS FAZIO '06

Students raised concerns about deteriorating town-gown relations at last week's open forum.

Unlike the previous meeting, which was intended to provide off-campus students with information regarding the laws of Clinton, this meeting was intended as a discussion of possible resolutions to student disruption in town.

Mitchell outlined the main problem as noise pollution. Sec-

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Student Assembly supports National Coming-Out Day

by Stephanie Valle '05
NEWS WRITER

Student Assembly overwhelmingly supported a resolution this past week supporting the message behind "National Coming-Out Day."

Brought before the Student Assembly by Diversity and Disability Committee Chair Jason Haas '05, the resolution was supported by a vote of 22 out of 23 members. The resolution states "the Student Assembly Central Council of Hamilton College supports and officially recognizes the values and ideals of National Coming-Out Day as well as the right and privilege of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people and their allies to enjoy a fulfilling, valued and accepting experience at Hamilton, where the respect of identity and perspective is unequivocally defended and maintained."

"It was important that an organization like Student Assembly, which is made up of leaders of campus, show support to every group on campus," said Maurice Michaane, President Pro-Tempore of Student Assembly and President of the Class of 2003. Michaane stressed that Student Assembly is about "more than just providing funding and policy for student groups" and has an obligation to set a tone on campus of "respect and support for all walks of life."

Haas agreed. "The significance of this new resolution is that Student Assembly, an organization that represents the interests and ideals of the student body, officially approved it," he said. "This 'seal of approval' recognizes and promotes the rights of all Hamilton students to feel safe and respected as valued members of the community."

National Coming-Out Day is celebrated on October 11th, an event that was first started in 1988 to celebrate LGBT people and their allies. The day focuses on celebrating the positive contributions of members of LGBT people, and the theme nationally this year is "Being Out Rocks."

Haas feels that Hamilton will benefit from the day. "Because being openly LGBT continues to be socially unacceptable on this campus, many LGBT people stay closeted and, therefore, invisible in the community," he said. "Like last year's Gay-Straight Student Pride Rally, Hamilton's National Coming-Out Day event will show people that the College has an invested interest in making the environment conducive to everyone."

Michaane also felt that this was an important issue to bring into campus discussion. "It brings people together to celebrate and respect differences that are present on campus," he said. "On campus, we have a rich diversity that should be appreciated."

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Horowitz, Isserman debate pros and cons of 60s' politics

by Ian Mandel '06
NEWS WRITER

Conservative activist David Horowitz visited Hamilton to participate in a forum titled "Can the Left and Right Agree About Anything About the Sixties?"

Horowitz, a former socialist and leader of the 1960s' "New Left" Movement, is a nationally known author and political figure. He currently serves as the president of the Center for the Study of Popular Culture and as the publisher of the online magazine Frontpagemagazine.com.

On Wednesday night Horowitz participated in the forum alongside Hamilton College's William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of History Maurice Isserman. The forum was formatted so that both Isserman and Horowitz were given the opportunity to present their perspectives on the highs and lows of a decade marked by social upheaval and political change.

Speaking first, Isserman portrayed the sixties as a period embodied by values and excesses that were distinctly American. He highlighted the Civil Rights Movement and the protest of the Vietnam War as issues that de-

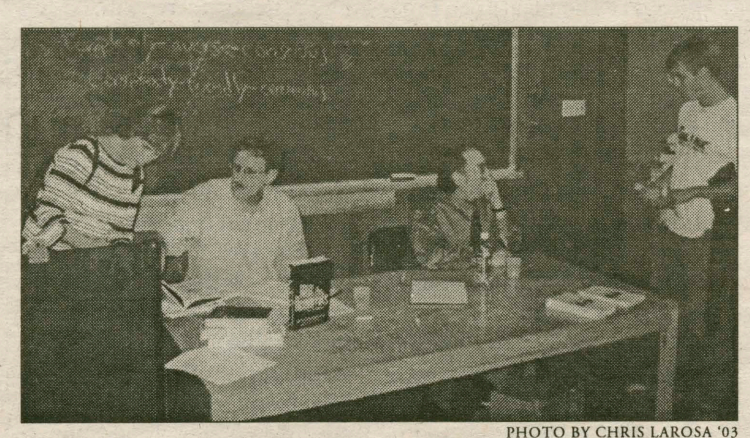

PHOTO BY CHRIS LAROSA '03

Following Wednesday night's debate in the Red Pit, a student questions Professor Isserman and Horowitz.

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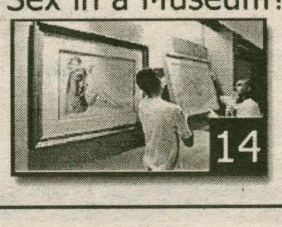

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National Science Foundation awards Lehman grant

Professor of Biology will research "the social behavior of honeybees and its neural basis"

by Kat Lexa '05
NEWS WRITER

Encarta Encyclopedia calls the honeybee a highly social animal, "among the most known and best studied insects." Their activity is indispensable for crop pollination around the world, and they are often domesticated for agricultural purposes.

Biologists have spent a long time studying the behavior of these bees. There have been some studies involving biogenic amines, which are neural regulators involved in behavioral patterns. However, the expression and maintenance of the neurotransmitters involved is still largely unknown, despite their importance in the understanding of neural functioning.

Professor Lehman, of the Department of Biology, is a cellular and molecular neurobiologist. At a national conference a few years ago, he met Professor Robinson at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, who was studying the behavior of honeybees. The two men are now working in collaboration to research the "social behavior of honeybees and its neural basis."

This August, the team was awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation totaling almost $200,000 to study the neural basis of the behavior of honeybees. The National Science Foundation, along with the National Institute of Health, is one of the two primary governmental agencies that sponsor scientific research. The NSF provides funding to over 2,000 colleges and universities for research and education in science and engineering.

The decision to apply for grant money from the NSF instead of the NIH came, as Professor Lehman said, because "this project is more specifically suited to the charge of NSF."

The two researchers approach the project, "Collaborative Research: Octopamine-Mediated Behavioral Development in Honeybees-Social and Endocrine Regulation of Tyramine Beta-Hydroxylase," from different angles.

According to Professor Lehman, "Professor Robinson is interested in the behavior of honeybees. I come at it with a cellular and molecular approach. This grant is very much a collaborative effort. We are studying what we know about the behavior of honeybees with cellular and molecular tools."

In essence, the grant for the honeybee research is focused on neuroethology (neurobiological basis of behavior). Studies have shown that small changes in nervous system function can be responsible for the different behaviors and social responsibilities of the honeybee. The grant money will help "test the idea that a neurotransmitter called octopamine seems to be higher in one particular cohort of bees," said Professor Lehman.

According to the abstract of the project published on the National Science Foundation's website, "levels of octopamine are higher in the brains of forager bees that leave the hive to get food compared to levels in nurse bees that work inside the hive, and treatment with octopamine causes bees to forage precociously. A particular enzyme, tyramine beta-hydoxylase (TbH) is critical for biosynthesis of octopamine, so brain levels of octopamine depend at least in part on the activity of TbH."

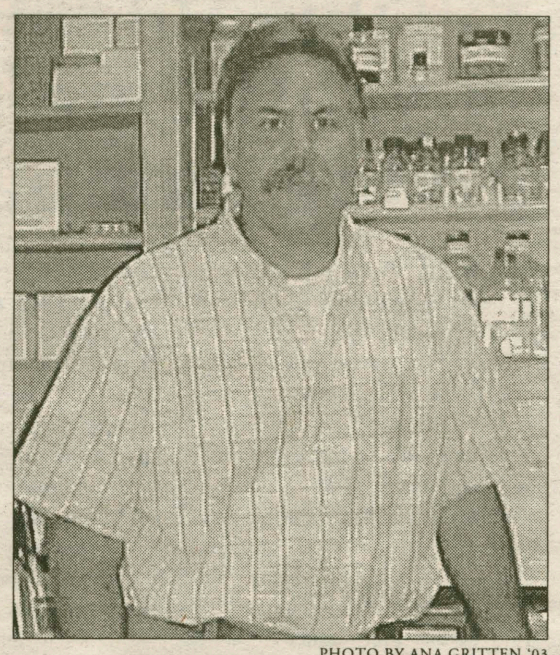

PHOTO BY ANA GRITTEN '03
Professor of Biology Herman Lehman.

The main goal of this project is to understand "if changes in TbH activity can account for changes in octopamine levels," said Professor Lehman.

"First, we have to know the molecular underpinnings of octopamine regulation. We have a suspicion which molecule is causing this change. Ultimately, however, we want to know the molecular mechanisms that are responsible for turning TbH on."

The grant from NSF lasts for two years. Not only will the research benefit the science and agricultural world, but much of the project will take place in the labs of both institutions. At Hamilton College part of the project will be worked on in collaboration with undergraduates, expanding the research opportunities provided in neuroscience here.

This honeybee project is only one of multiple research projects in Professor Lehman's lab. They are in the process of applying for funding for several other projects. On the subject of grants, Lehman said, "For sciences faculty, this is an ongoing process; we write grants to support our scholarship. One of the things that drives me is research. I view teaching and research as complementary. My research helps my teaching, and my teaching helps me with my research."

Faculty struggle to balance helping poor, maintaining personal ideals

*from **United Way**, page 1*

To prevent donations from funding the Boy Scouts the United Way now provides Hamilton College employees the option to give money to specific charities and not take money from donations to cover their own administrative costs. Hamilton is the only employer that has requested or is offering this option, said Ferguson.

The workaround does not satisfy many objector's desire for change in United Way behavior.

"Every dollar in there is an indication that we accept the inaction of the United Way... Given the conflict between their position and the non-discrimination values of the college, we shouldn't be giving them institutional support," said Pillow.

Last year, officers from the Local United Way left faculty unimpressed after they presented their stance on the Boy Scouts at a faculty meeting. United Way officials explained that because the local Boy Scouts had yet to dismiss a gay scout or leader, they had not discriminated."

According to *The Washington Times*, about 40 United Way Chapters, less than three percent of approximately 1400 nationwide, have stopped funding their local Boy Scout chapters.

Associate Professor of Government Stephen Orvis, who steered last year's petition, said that Hamilton is not a "big enough player in the Utica United Way" to change the organization's policy in the short term but that "this is the way pressure builds." Orvis said the United Way should not benefit from the institutional support of the College in the form of payroll deductions.

This year the college continued its campaign, with the option of no overhead deductions, under a "tempered" enthusiasm by President Tobin. In an email to the community, Tobin stated that he would "continue to work with the leadership of the United Way of Greater Utica to address this issue in a manner that more closely reflects Hamilton's values and ideals."

"Our continued institutional support of the United Way, facilitated through the employee payroll deduction program, indirectly supports a discriminatory policy that many find disturbing and repugnant," wrote Tobin in his email. Tobin said the dilemma was compounded by the reality that the United Way helped thousands of our neighbors through our donations. He also wrote that it would be an ineffiecient use of college resources to create a system for payroll deductions for multiple charities.

"[The president] thinks charitable giving will go down, and he's probably right. But we're violating what we claim to be core principles," said Orvis.

Director of Counseling and Psychological Services Robert Kazin, who coordinated last years fundraising campaign, does not see a decrease in overall giving as a necessary requisite resulting from an interruption to direct donations to the United Way. Kazin said the college's electronic payment system allows individuals to have specified amounts from each paycheck go to different accounts and that having a separate account accuring money for charitable donations is easy for all employees.

"Anybody can do it; all of us can," said Kazin, hoping that those not giving to the United Way would continue making charitable donations.

Kazin, who has been contributing to the United Way fund for over 25 years, undertook the role of campaign chair last year, unaware of the lingering issue with the Boy Scouts. "I believed the issue had been resolved. It turned out their signature was bogus," he said.

Kazin said he is currently reevaluating his giving plans for the coming year with his wife.

Professor of Mathematics Richard Bedient's family decided not to continue their donations to the United Way this year, but that decision does not come without concerns that his donation will be less far-reaching. Bedient said not donating to the United Way makes it difficult to reach smaller, lesser-known, but equally deserving charities. Faculty will vote to pass a motion urging a termination in the United Way payroll deduction program at the next faculty meeting on Oct. 1 at 4:10 p.m. in the Events Barn.

Womyn's Center invites porn star, educator to speak

by Laura Crandall '04
CONTRIBUTING WRITER FROM THE WOMYN'S CENTER

Star of adult movies and prostitute-turned-performance artist and sex educator Dr. Annie Sprinkle will present "The Pleasures, Profits, and Politics of Exploring Sex in the Media: Annie Sprinkle Shares Her Life's Work" at 8:00 p.m. in the Events Barn.

The event, to take place on Wednesday, September 26, is sponsored by the Womyn's Center, and is free and open to the entire campus.

Sprinkle has devoted the past 30 years to passionately researching and exploring sexuality, from the sacred to the profane. She has documented and shared her findings through explicit films, photography, and sexuality workshops. She has toured her controversial one-woman theater shows internationally, to great acclaim. She has a Ph.D. in Human Sexuality. Sprinkle will share some of her life's work, do mini-performances, and stimulate discussion with the audience.

If you can't make Wednesday night's performance, or just want to see more of Sprinkle, there will be a Super Sex Technology Workshop on September 26 at 2:30 about "Building, Moving and Utilizing your Sexual Energy" and "How to Become an Even Better Pleasure Artist."

In this class, Annie will share some of the best, most useful information that she has learned, in a relaxed, non-threatening, easy-to-understand way. While Sprinkle does not "claim to be the world's greatest lover," but she claims to have "a hell of a lot of experience."

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please email lcrandal@hamilton.edu. The location of the workshop will be announced through email in the near future.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Economy Boosts Comm. College Numbers

RED BANK, N.J. (AP) - When Jennifer Buono decided where to enroll after high school, she chose little-known Brookdale Community College in central New Jersey over Rutgers University.

The bottom line, Buono said, was the bottom line.

"Brookdale is cheaper and you're getting the same education for less," said the 18-year-old education major. "And when I get out of school, I won't have all those student loans to pay off."

Across the country, many students have made similar decisions this semester. Though official figures aren't available, community college administrators say enrollment is way up, a product of the sour economy and rising tuition rates at four-year schools, including state universities such as Rutgers.

Norma Kent, a spokeswoman for the American Association of Community Colleges, said many schools are reporting percentage increases in the double digits for enrollment. This comes at a time when community college costs also are creeping up and education budgets nearly everywhere are being squeezed by declining state revenues.

College Sex Columnists Causing Stir

(AP)- Natalie Krinsky dares to go public on a topic most of her college classmates keep between friends - sex in the Elm City, otherwise known as New Haven, Conn.

The 19-year-old junior is the resident "sexpert" at Yale University's student newspaper, one of a small but growing number of college publications with writers who detail the trials and tribulations of a favorite college pastime.

Their columns have campuses buzzing.

"And that's all right because we're 20 years old and just starting to talk about this stuff," says Krinsky, who detailed her experiments with oral sex in some of her most popular and controversial columns last year. Now she's back for more this semester.

As her fellow columnists often do, Krinsky uses a mix of wisecracks, raw language and unvarnished advice to make her points.

"Nudity is inherently humorous. The body is beautiful, of course, but the things we do with our bodies in the sack are plain weird," she observed in one her column's tamer moments. "Have you ever heard your roommate having sex? It's embarrassing. You are embarrassed to be human."

A column about fellatio triggered hundreds of hits on the Yale Daily News Web site. Some students were aghast, and threatened to transfer. "Is this journalism?" one griped.

At least a few student editors seem to think so. College papers from New York University to the University of Kansas to the University of California, Berkeley, have started their own sex columns.

Magazine: Princeton Top University

(AP)- The formula used by U.S. News & World Report to rate more than 1,400 four-year institutions sorts the schools into several categories.

The most prestigious includes 249 schools the magazine calls "national universities-doctoral." The scoring system produces ties, leading to repeated numbers.

The top 10 national universities, according to U.S. News.

1. Princeton University
2. Harvard University
2. Yale University
4. California Institute of Technology
4. Duke University
4. Stanford University
4. University of Pennsylvania
4. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
9. Dartmouth College
10. Columbia University
10. Northwestern University

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Tel Aviv Bus Bomb Kills 6, Hurts 49

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) - A Palestinian blew himself up on a crowded bus Thursday in downtown Tel Aviv, killing at least five other people and wounding 49. It was the second suicide bombing in two days after a six-week lull.

AP

The shrapnel-studded explosives tore through the bus on Allenby Street while it was passing through the heart of a teeming restaurant and business district at lunchtime. The driver, his body blackened, slumped at the wheel. Passengers jumped out of shattered windows.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, though Israeli media outlets reported conflicting claims by the militant Palestinian groups Islamic Jihad and Hamas. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon called his full Cabinet into special session for the first time since March, when a large-scale incursion into the West Bank was approved. Before the session, Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer briefly toured the bombing scene and consulted with army commanders on how to respond.

Canada Reports First W. Nile Death

TORONTO (AP) - Health officials said Tuesday a 70-year-old Ontario man died of West Nile virus, the first human fatality in which the disease was contracted in Canada.

Another Canadian who died of West Nile virus in 1999 got the disease during a visit to the United States.

"It is clear that Ontario has entered a new era of concern for public health," provincial Health Minister Tony Clement told reporters in announcing confirmation of the West Nile death. The name of the victim was not made public. Dr. Neil Rau said the man died during the weekend at a hospital west of Toronto.

Two other Ontario men have West Nile virus, and 14 other possible cases are awaiting confirmation of laboratory tests. In the United States, the virus has killed more than 60 people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Canadian officials have warned in recent years that the virus, which has been detected in birds and animals in Canada, would spread to humans. It is transmitted by mosquito bites.

The virus is most dangerous for children, the elderly and people with weak immune systems. It can cause flu-like symptoms and encephalitis, a potentially fatal brain infection. Most people bitten by an infected mosquito don't become ill.

Ambassador: Militant Infiltration Up

SRINAGAR, India (AP) - Islamic militants from Pakistan have increased their infiltration into the Indian-controlled portion of disputed Kashmir over the past two months, the U.S. ambassador to India said Thursday.

Pakistan rejected the ambassador's claim, saying "there is no infiltration taking place into Indian-occupied Kashmir from Pakistan."

Cross-border incursions by Islamic rebels fighting for Kashmir's independence from Indian rule, or its merger with mostly Muslim Pakistan, is at the center of military and political tension between the South Asian nuclear rivals.

In Srinagar, the summer capital of India's only predominantly Muslim state, opposition leader Sonia Gandhi, wearing a bulletproof vest, spoke of shared pain as she became the first senior Indian politician to make a speech in Kashmir in 15 years.

"You are living in the shadow of terror and pain. Today, people are afraid to step into the Kashmir that was once called paradise," said Gandhi, her voice cracking.

Her husband, the late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, was assassinated in 1991 by a Tamil rebel suicide bomber in southern India - seven years after his mother, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, was killed by her Sikh guard.

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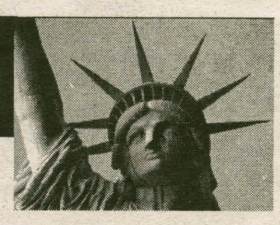

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U.S. Was Aware on bin Laden Threat

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. government was aware of the threat posed by Osama bin Laden before the Sept. 11 attacks, but didn't have enough specific intelligence to stop the attacks, a State Department official told a congressional panel Thursday.

"Basically, we know that bin Laden had the means and the intent to attack Americans, both at home and abroad," Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage said in written testimony to the House and Senate Intelligence Committees. Armitage spoke on the second day of the committees' public hearings into the Sept. 11 attacks. The committees, who have been meeting together behind closed doors since June, are examining intelligence failures leading up to the attacks and will recommend changes.

In a preliminary report presented Wednesday, staff director Eleanor Hill revealed that the government had many more warnings about terrorist threats before Sept. 11, 2001, than had been previously disclosed. A dozen warnings suggested airplanes could be used as weapons. None specifically predicted the Sept. 11 attacks.

Bush Seeks OK for Military Force

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush asked Congress Thursday for authority to use military force to disarm and overthrow Iraq's Saddam Hussein, saying the United States will take action on its own if the U.N. Security Council balks.

AP

The president was sending to Capitol Hill his proposed wording for a resolution, a late draft of which would, according to White House officials, give him permission to use "all means he determines to be appropriate, including military" to deal with Saddam.

"That will be part of the resolution - authorization to use force. If you want to keep the peace, you've got to have the authorization to use force," Bush told reporters in the Oval Office. He immediately began trying to build support for the resolution that he wants Congress to approve before lawmakers go home to campaign for the Nov. 5 elections.

Bush met with nine Democratic and Republican lawmakers who emerged predicting bipartisan support for the commander in chief. "I think we have no choice but to have the strongest support possible for the president's efforts here," said Rep. Norm Dicks, D-Wash.

But the president also stressed he is not on the verge of declaring war, said Rep. John McHugh, R-N.Y.

"The most important word I heard inside today from the president was the word 'if.' He made it repeatedly clear that this resolution is not intended as a declaration of war, it is not intended as an immediate prior step to aggression," said McHugh.

Net 'Date Rape' Drug Ring Broken

WASHINGTON (AP) - Attorney General John Ashcroft announced a major crackdown on Internet drug traffickers Thursday, disclosing that 115 dealers of the "date rape" drug GHB had been arrested in 84 cities in the United States and Canada.

"This takedown is a dose of harsh reality for drug traffickers who seek to exploit the vast markets and anonymity of cyberspace," Ashcroft said. Drug Enforcement Administration chief Asa Hutchinson said that Internet traffickers "can expect to face the same justice the old-fashion drug dealers face."

"With millions of people having quick and easy access to the Internet, the buying and selling of deadly drugs and chemicals from the Web should not, and will not, be as simple as point-and-click," Hutchinson said.

The DEA has documented 72 deaths from the drug and its derivatives, which are sold over the Internet to teenagers and young adults by dealers who operate their own Web sites. The drugs are delivered by mail.

Election Results

Due to the fact that none of the pairs of runningmates for the offices of Student Assembly President and Vice President received over 40% of the vote, there will be a run-off election between the two highest vote recipients. Amanda Chase/Jordan Burns and John Bellona/Robert Puckowill participate in a Student Constitution mandated run-off, the date of which is yet to be determined.

In addition, the Appeals Board Representitive election will be re-held at the same time as the run-off for Student Assembly President and Vice President, due to a voting irregularity.

Other election results are as follows:
For the **Class of 2004 Honor Court Representative**, William DeRosa won the election to fill the vacant Honor Court spot for 2004.

The following are the winners for the **Class of 2006** Elections:
Class President: Brandon Long
Class Secretary/Treasurer: Alex Kaufan
Class Representitives: Daneil Horowitz, Sean Tice, Marian Lyman, Young Han, and Kristen Pinna
J-Board Representitive for 2006: Chris Gardner
Honor Court Representitive for 2006: Suzy Wilson

President encouraged to recognize National Coming-Out Day

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Marc David, Assistant Dean of Students for Multicultural Student Affairs at Hamilton, concurred. "National Coming-Out Day will help bring attention to some of the issues faced by those in the LGBT community and hopefully bring about more of an acceptance of those who have different sexual orientations," he said.

While Student Assembly is not directly responsible for planning events on Coming-Out Day, Michaane encourages any students interested in planning events to contact Student Assembly for additional resources.

According to Haas, some events are already in the works. "The LesBiGay Empowerment and Action Project, a new student organization I founded this year to address inequities in College policy, and the Rainbow Alliance are co-sponsoring a rally on the Main Quadrangle for the day," he said.

"Leading up to the rally, the Rainbow Alliance will proceed with our annual antics, including adorning the campus with colorful streamers and signs, as well as tables in Beinecke Student Center with those fabulous buttons and pins everyone loves."

Haas also expressed the hope of finding a speaker to bring to campus as well as having the President take a role in the events.

"Now that the Student Assembly approved the resolution, the Diversity/Disability Committee is encouraging the President to turn it into a proclamation that can be read at future Coming-Out Day events," he added.

Horowitz condemns liberal dominance on campuses

Speaker to students: "Your faculty is still filled with about 80-90% on the left side of the spectrum"

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fined the decade, proposing that these two events symbolized the birth of the "New Left" and modern liberalism in America.

Isserman said "that the 1960s are misunderstood— an integral part of American history, not an aberration from that history as it is sometimes depicted."

Isserman compared the 1960s to the Civil War because both eras were marked by drastic social change and consequences felt for years to come.

Isserman praised the leader of the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr as one of the catalysts of change. He described King as "a democratic socialist who denounced the Vietnam War; who in 1967 called his own country the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today; who called on Americans that same year to 'get on the right side of the world revolution' by undergoing a 'radical revolution in values'; who opposed the nuclear arms race; who opposed European colonialism in Africa; and who called for the abolition of the House on American Activities Committee."

Isserman characterized the Vietnam War as one of the sources of the leftist schism.

"The debate over the decision to go into Vietnam is often presented as a kind of conflict within the liberal camp between cold war liberals and those liberals who were moving away to a new kind of less-cold war-dominated liberalism."

Horowitz did not refute many points made by Isserman on the 60s, but rather described where the leftist philosophy has gone wrong in the years since. Horowitz complained that leftists saturate the nation's college and university faculties.

Horowitz commented to the Hamilton students in attendance, "Your faculty is still filled with about 80 to 90 percent on the left side of the spectrum."

Liberal dominance on college campuses is one of the main issues that Horowitz has fought passionately against over the last decade. He distributed a pamphlet on the topic titled "You Can't Get A Good Education... If They're Only Telling You Half The Story."

Horowitz recognizes that institutions of higher learning are the main breeding grounds for political activism and noted that the lack of a conservative presence may affect the decisions of America's youth.

Horowitz went on to discuss the radical change in his views since his involvement with the New Left.

"I realized that everything I had devoted my life to, Marxism in particular, was a lie."

"Socialism... is a delusional fantasy, and a hundred million people have been killed trying to make it work," Horowitz stated. He went on, saying that "Marxist economics is crackpot economics."

He told the students and faculty in attendance that Marxism "creates, deepens, and spreads poverty," making it universal. He described this process by highlighting the fact that modern communist nations are the poorest in the world.

Horowitz connected socialism with the Vietnam War, since it was in essence a war against the spread of Communism. He described the war as a "Democratic war" with "good intentions." He highlighted the fact that the United States believedthat it had the obligation to defend those nations that couldn't defend themselves.

The final point that Horowitz touched on in depth was the changing nature of civil rights in this country. He is a man who describes himself as an advocate for the rights of all minorities.

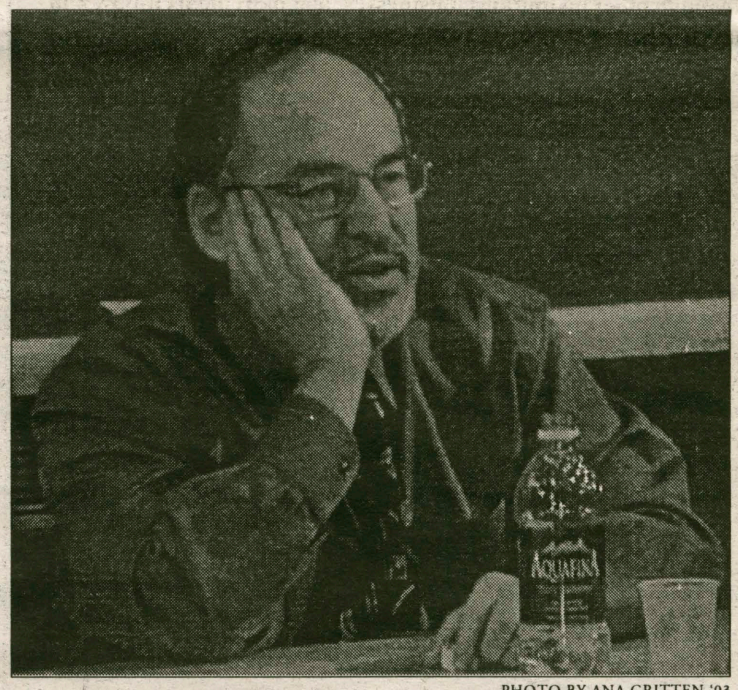
"If there is one thread in my life that is continuous throughout, it has been my devotion to civil rights," he said.

Horowitz stressed his view that the modern civil rights movement is an embarrassment that has betrayed King.

Horowitz said, "What civil rights means today is almost the opposite of Martin Luther King's idea. We fought against racial preferencing...We did not like the idea that white people got special privileges, that's what it was about. Civil rights today means special privileges; for designated groups."

Horowitz also spoke out firmly against liberal programs such as affirmative action and commented, "The Democratic Party is the biggest obstacle to black kids" in America.

While it is undisputed that Horowitz's knowledge of the 60s is matched by few, he has been shunned by many colleges and universities across the country.



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During Wednesday's debate on the politics of the 1960s, Conservative activist David Horowitz spoke out firmly against Affirmative Action. "The Democratic Party is the biggest obstacle to black kids," he argued.

Horowitz stated, "There are 200 courses on the 60sin America and this is the first time I have ever been invited to address one of them."

Horowitz has spoken at nearly two hundred college campuses, but his invite by Hamilton was only the fifth or sixth time he was asked by a school's faculty or administration. He believes that he has been eschewed by colleges and universities because of a leftist agenda in higher education.

However, some in the audience felt that there might be different reasons.

Hamilton's Edgar B. Graves Professor of History Alfred Kelly, commented, "Horowitz is a poor public speaker, and he inconsiderately hogs the time. Perhaps this might have something to do with why he's rarely invited to speak."

Nevertheless, Hamilton showed it's willingness to seek different perspectives by inviting Horowitz to campus.

In reflecting on the forum, Isserman commented, "Hamilton College has always welcomed the free and open discussion of important issues from all viewpoints, and I think that's what we saw demonstrated that evening."

Editorial
The Spectator

Editorial:

In recent years Hamilton College has made a strong push to increase diversity on campus, as well as to create a more comfortable atmosphere for diverse groups of people to be active in organizations while at Hamilton. These efforts have resulted in a slowly but steadily increasing percentage of multicultural students on campus; the formation of clubs that cater to a wide range of student interests and beliefs, such as Atheists and Agnostics; and the creation of groups, such as the Disability Action Group, to help students who might otherwise feel marginalized.

Now, the College has a chance to continue this positive trend by doing two things to support the LGBT&Q student community at Hamilton. First, the Office of the President can officially endorse National Coming-Out Day, as the Student Assembly has done this past week. Although practically this will change the day for those involved in it very little, by officially endorsing the event the College would be taking an active and visible step to support the academic ideals of the institution.

Second, the College must discontinue its support of the United Way, the only charity included in the employee giving campaign. This organization donates a portion of its proceeds to the Boy Scouts, which openly discriminates by banning homosexual leaders and members. By including the United Way in the employee giving campaign, especially as the only option for direct donations, the College lends support to the Boy Scouts's stance. As members of an academic institution that prides itself on inclusiveness and open-mindedness, the administration must reevaluate their support of the United Way.

As a result of controversy among faculty and staff last year over the endorsement of the United Way, as well as pressure from the President's Office, the organization has taken small steps to appease the College, including allowing donators to specify that funds be donated to specific organizations. While these changes may assuage the problem on a small scale, they do not eliminate it or encourage change of discriminatory policies. Here is a chance for the College to prove, in action, the ideas we have so frequently heard espoused and serve as a role model for other donors by creating awareness of the issue by withdrawing their monetary support for the United Way. If enough other institutions, businesses, and individuals follow suit, maybe the United Way will withdraw its support of the Boy Scouts. Maybe, even better, the Boy Scouts will change its policy.

It is important for the College to provide verbal and intellectual support to ideas such as National Coming-Out Day; however, it is just as important that we lend credibility to our words through our actions by discontinuing support of the United Way.

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Declining relationship between Clinton and Hamilton prompts Student Assembly meeting to search for solutions

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ondary problems include open container violations, litter, and illegal parking.

"Do I think its every student here? Absolutely not," Mitchell underlined. "[However], it may be the actions of a few, but those actions reflect on all of us."

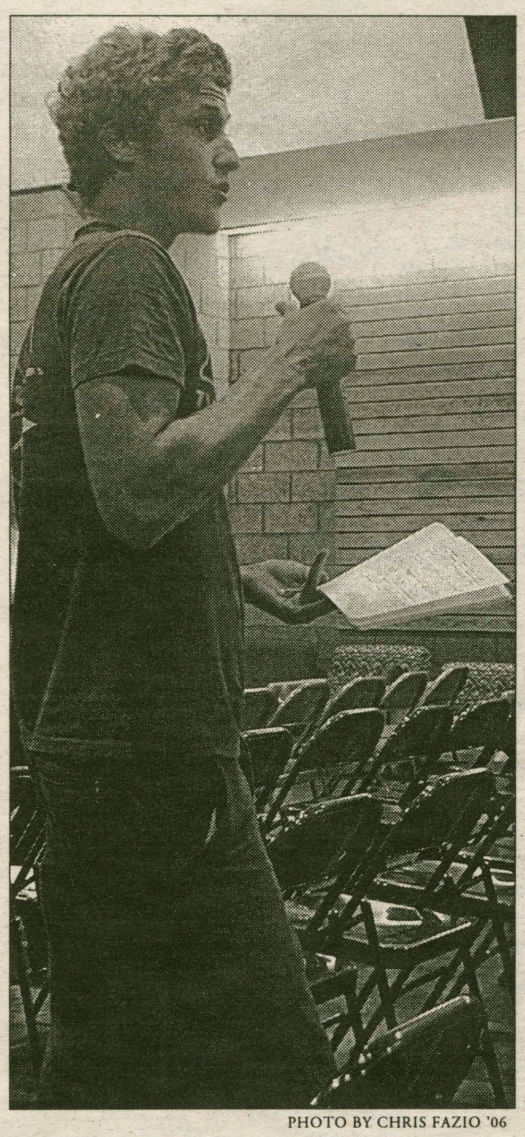
Julian Scurci '03 started the student discussion by saying, "I've really seen town-gown relations degrade in the last few years...The main problem is one of communication." He went further to suggest events to help bring together the village and the college, restating what was to be one of the main points of the night: that communication is necessary to resolve the problems.

Other students suggested trying to bring the drinking, which they see as central to the disruption in town, back "up the Hill." As Matthew Himmel '05 stated, "If we did this, it would stop DUI, stop jitney problems, stop noise problems, stop bar spillover into nearby students' houses, potentially decrease underage drinking, and stop the KPD from getting involved." Other students echoed his sentiment, one living in town stating that "the drinking has been flushed down the Hill."

Head of the InterSociety Council (ISC) Dave Lyons '03 stated, "We need to create more options for drinking on campus," and that to help some of the alcohol-related problems, "we can address the noise and the litter; these are simple things. All it takes is some common sense." He also revealed that the ISC will be doing jitney ride-alongs in the hopes that this will help discourage disorderly conduct on the busses, especially on weekends.

Maurice Michaane, Student Assembly president Pro-tempore, suggested that the Little Pub might be opened late-night to encourage more controlled drinking on campus. "I absolutely agree that we need to keep the students on-campus. The Student Assembly is absolutely willing to work with anyone on-campus, be it student or staff, to create more on-campus late night activities that will keep us on the Hill. The SA has the resources and the willingness to work, but we need students willing to step up to the task and bring forth ideas. The Pub is just one of the great on campus resources that is constantly utilized by all students as a place to congregate and have a good time, regardless of age. The way to keep students on campus is for the community as a whole to work together and create more late-night activities between the hours of 10p.m. to 3a.m.; I believe students will stay on campus if there are late-night alternatives/entertainment."

Also discussed was Clinton Mayor Robert Goering's new "zero-tolerance" plan. The plan, which was drawn up in response to a series of noise and litter complaints from townspeople, has been heavily criticized by students.



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Matthew Himmel '05 suggested "bring[ing] drinking back up the hill."

As Mitchell explained after the meeting, "I think he is attempting to stop a problem from getting out of control... He didn't make the decision in a vacuum. He has received multiple complaints about the issue."

The Mayor's new policy may be a scare tactic, seeing as how last weekend there was only one arrest compared to the 14 arrests the weekend before. From the 31st of August to the 4th of September, three students were arrested, one for a DUI charge, according to Pat Ingalls and Flossie Mitchell.

Mitchell also stated that four students have been hospitalized because of acute alcohol intoxication, one of whom cannot return to school this semester because of serious injury. Diane Lynch, director of Hamilton's Emergency Medical Service, later commented that only three students were hospitalized for alcohol, and one other for drug use, and that all four were in semiunvonscious or unconscious states during treatment.

Most students agreed that the alcohol problems both on campus and in town are worse this year than in most previous years. However, unlike last year, the alcohol problem this year is distributed relatively equally between class years. Last year there were 47 alcohol-related calls to the EMT service, 25 of which were for first-year students. In comparison to this year's four cases of acute intoxication, there was a total of 14 last year.

Students and administrators agreed that it was the responsibility of students to drink reasonably and responsibly, and that "alcohol is not an excuse" for bad behavior, as Mitchell stated. Student Assembly Cultural Diversity Chair Jason Haas '05 voiced his concern that "people who are responsible enough to come to this meeting" are not the ones that need to get the message. "I feel like we are preaching to the choir... [we need to figure out] how we are going to market these concerns."

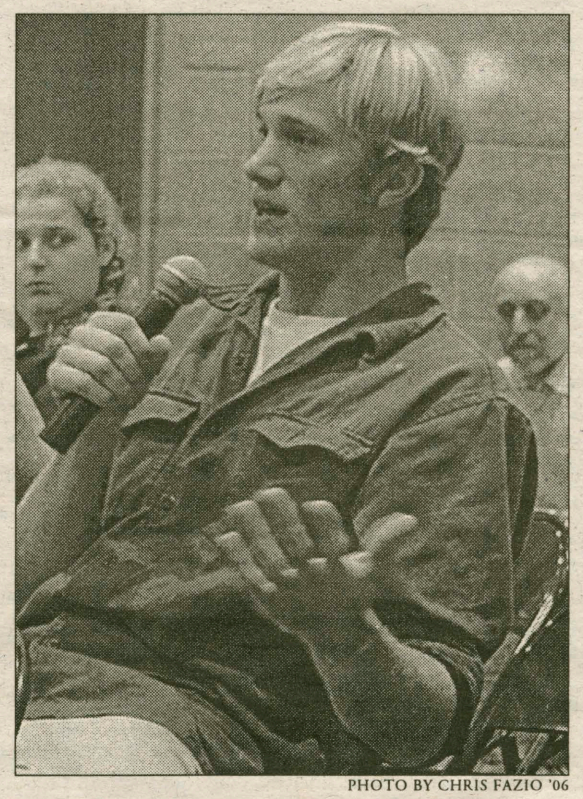
Professor of Anthropology Douglass Raybeck echoed the need for further discussion: "Communication is fundamental to making things better...Town-gown is always presented as a split, but it doesn't have to be. [What we have to do is] agree upon lines. The discussion lies inbetween the lines of what different groups believe is acceptable." He finished by saying that students must take the initiative to solve the problem; "It would be really smart for students to start working from the bottom up; otherwise they have to deal with it from the top down," he said.

President Tobin wrote in a letter to *The Spectator*, "I recently invited local officials including the Mayor, Town Supervisor, Town Justices, Kirkland Police Department, neighbors, landlords and bar owners to a meeting on campus. Our conversations were fruitful; ideas were exchanged and we were able to speak face-to-face about issues that we all have a vested interest in addressing."

Tobin stated, "We agreed that the issues are complicated... All the people in town understand that the college is an integral part of the Clinton community... It's a question of working together." He also emphasize the need for more discussion; "We need a continuing series of meetings."

After the meeting, Mitchell commented, "This is the start of a conversation that needs to happen here at Hamilton and between Hamilton and the village of Clinton."

President Tobin agreed, writing, "I am cautiously optimistic about our ability to improve relationships among members of the College community, the Village of Clinton and the Town of Kirkland. The issues are not intractable; they are not unique or unfamiliar to many other rural, residential colleges and towns. But let's be realistic: any solutions that work will require cooperation, genuine respect, and a much greater exercise of responsibility, especially on the part of students who live in and visit the village... There is no reason why 'town-gown' relations cannot return to their more customary cordiality and respect."



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A student living in Clinton discusses suggestions to improve relations between Clinton and Hamiton College.

Tobin also commented that the members of the Board of Trustees are "eager to see relations improve immediately, and that is our intention."

The relatively poor turnout of the meeting was saddening to some. As Michaane states, "The forum held hosted by the Dean's Office was a very thoughtful and productive idea, but as a member of the Student Assembly, I was disheartened over the turnout of both students as well as faculty. The issues at tonight's meeting were about our community as a whole creating solutions to a culture of irresponsible student behavior by a small group. That being said, those who did attend and spoke at the meeting offered some good solutions and airing out of the factors that are at the root of student misbehavior downtown."

However, Michaane is optimistic as to the rest of the semester being quieter, "The Student Assembly just approved funding for student organizations. Give them a week or two, and most of them will be hosting events that will provide on-campus entertainment for all to enjoy without having to resort to irresponsible drinking," he said. In the long-term he emphacizes that "peer-pressure by students to students to drink responsibly or face the consequences for reckless behavior" is the best solution to the problem.

"There were a lot of positive things said last night [at the meeting]," states Ingalls optimistically. "If students were to coordinate their efforts, they could have a positive effect." She reminds students that "behavior dictates the response... It's a choice the students have to make."

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Insights & Ideas

Campus Safety pulls fire alarms, wool over our eyes

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As we filed quickly out of Bundy East Tuesday night, everyone seemed in agreement that this was just a normal fire drill. We had been living in Bundy for only a few weeks, so a practice fire alarm had been expected, and no one questioned the RAs as they directed us to a grassy patch below the tree line on the opposite side of the street. People milled about casually, smoking cigarettes or talking, but no one expected that this would prove to be far from the usual fire drill; by the end of the night, these very same students would be calling for action from the Hamilton community.

As the RAs quieted down the small crowd, barely anyone noticed the Campus Safety vans parked behind us, their headlights off, the soft rumblings of their idling engines masked by the piercing shriek of the Bundy fire alarms. The RAs began to discuss the typical matters one would expect to follow a fire drill: how fast it took everyone to assemble outside the dorm, where the fire trucks would park if this had been the real thing, etc. Things were going smoothly, until someone suddenly shouted, "Hey, is Campus Safety going through our rooms?"

Sure enough, Campus Safety officers could be plainly seen through the downstairs windows opening dorm-room doors and walking into our rooms. "Yes," replied the RA, trying to draw attention away from the buildings, "Campus Safety is checking to make sure everyone got out safely."

"Then why are they taking our things?" A rising murmur spread through the group as one officer picked up something from a desk and placed it into a black bag he carried in his other hand. "That guy just took something from my room!" hollered one student.

It soon became clear why the RAs had brought us down to this specific spot-the thick pine trees blocked our view of both the Campus Safety vans, as well as from most of the Bundy East windows, where officers now wandered through our rooms. The constant high-pitched alarm heightened tensions as various students demanded to know what was happening. "What are they looking for?" shouted one. "Can they even do that?" demanded another.

After standing outside for more than a half hour (the whole time the alarm going full blast), we were permitted to return to our rooms, only to find that the officers had yet to complete their searches; as we entered the dorm some of us, myself included, even found that officers were still in our rooms (and, in my case, standing in my closet). When we confronted the Campus Safety officers they immediately became hostile, barking at us, "Hey! Who told you to come here?! Get back outside!" They blocked my way into my room, motioning toward the stairs. "What are you doing in my room?" I asked, only to be told harshly: "We're looking for candles!"

"In my closet?" I said, seeing the blood rise to his face. I turned my back to him, walking outside to where confused RAs seemed to have no control of the situation. "They sent us back out," a student remarked to an RA sarcastically, "I guess they're not finished with our stuff yet."

The aftermath of the situation was a heated and confused setting. Many students felt they had been violated, but were swiftly rebuked by the RAs, who claimed the officers had every right to go into rooms even when the door was locked. They claimed the officers were only looking for candles, which are not permitted in these dorms. If alcohol or other contraband were confiscated during the search, it was wholly coincidental-the priority of the raid had been to find candles. But some of us wonder about this argument.

It appears to this writer that the Campus Safety officers believe that they can catch students off guard, realizing that most students would not think to hide booze if they were just going outside for a fire drill. The officers attempted to capitalize on this trend, searching the rooms while we were absent, and then covering up their intentions with claims that they were simply looking for candles, or making sure everyone was safely outside.

With reports that Campus Safety has also been using this same strategy to examine dorms across the campus, including Griffin Road, South, Carnegie, North, and Dunham, we have to ask, what kind of precedent is being set here? Should Campus Safety officers be allowed to look through our belongings while we are in class or out playing sports? Are we to be wary every time we leave our room that our possessions will be searched, our rooms investigated?

Will this trend lead to officers barging into your room when you are away, claiming that your smoke alarm has malfunctioned, and they have the right to take a look around? Or has this already happened?

And don't think that just because you never drink, or don't have bongs decorating your desk that you're safe from these intrusions, because Campus Safety has been going through the rooms indiscriminately.

Now let's discuss the dangers the administration brings upon us when they choose to abuse the fire alarms. What if in the future there was a real fire? It is not that far-fetched to imagine students wasting precious time hiding beer or bags of pot (or their candles), not realizing that this was indeed the real thing.

The disasters at both Providence College and Seton Hall should have taught us that every second counts in a dorm fire. By misusing the fire drills in this fashion, Campus Safety officers compel many students to hesitate before leaving their room in order to ensure that their private materials are hidden.

In the end it boils down to the fact that while Campus Safety may have the authority to conduct these searches, it does not make them right. This is an issue involving both student privacy and safety.

So until the next time we meet, keep the 'Stones under the bed, and ladies, don't throw the pot in your panty drawer-I hear that the first place they look.

Have an opinion you want to express but don't have anyone to listen? This is your forum.

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THUMBS UP

-Using your new recycling bin as a barf bag after coming home drunk

-The new Diner juke box, making up for those $4 grilled cheese sandwiches

-ESPN's latest "American cheese" commercial, reminding campus Canucks that hockey is all they got going for them

-G-Road making the early push for party spot of the year

-Three novel inventions: the wheel, beer coolers, and coolers on wheels

-Yankee broadcasts being blacked out on ESPN, preventing Sox fans from committing suicide

THUMBS DOWN

- Waking up early only to find a mysterious, plus-sized woman stealing last night's beer cans

-Deleting the "Super Sex Technology Workshop" email having mistaken it for just another porn site email offer

-Campus Safety violating your Constitutional rights with their not-so-cleverly disguised "Fire Drills"

-Roma's everchanging delivery charges...about as unpredictable as the stock market

-People who crap in your stairwell

Chris Preston '03, Paul P. Jones '03

WHO CARES?

-Recycling....all cans should end up in the same place as the multiple recycling emails–in the trash

-The Metric System

-The Clinton Courier's misguided bitching in regards to late night noise down town....it's called insomnia, jackasses

-Formerly slutty freshmen girls trying to become celibate sophomores

-Spec editor Sarah Karalunas's attempts to censor this once liberal column

-Keystone Light's new can design...it's still piss in a can, fellas

IM Sick of It

LOL. BRB. TTYL. C U later:). If you are more than familiar with any of the preceding psuedo-acronyms then congratulations, you are officially an Instant Messenger dork. But don't worry, it's not as if you're alone. IM, as I'm sure most of you fondly refer to it in conversation, has swept the nation, and has become the most widespread addiction since heroine. And it's not just your typical ITS supernerd (no offense) who's succumbing to this IM plague either-it's everybody. Young or old, boy or girl, rich or poor, student or teacher, frat guy or independent-all demographic groups are guilty of committing the IM sin. And yes, in case you were wondering, I myself have dabbled in this mindless form of communication from time to time. However, IM users can be divided into several different categories, depending on just how much time

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they uselessly devote such a brain washing activity. The categories are as follows, listed in ascending order of time spent "on-line":

1) Casual users: I am proud to say that I fall into this category, which consists of one simple task: occasionally, yet reluctantly, clicking on the Instant Messenger button with a clear goal in mind. This goal may include checking who of your on-campus friends is "on-line" and might be willing to meet you for dinner, hit the bars, or accompany you to the library. It also could be the product of sheer boredom, in which case you are actually willing to go on-line and talk to some friends from home with whom you haven't spoken in weeks/months/years. Yeah, for kicks you occasionally browse through some of your friends' away messages, though you refuse to post one of your own. But once your short task is complete you immediately sign off and avoid the embarrassment of racking up dreaded "Idle Time," a.k.a. Rule of thumb: buddy lists must never exceed 50 people for casual users.

2) Away messagers: Although still pathetic in their own right, these people are certainly becoming a majority in the IM scene. There are those who simply leave you with one or two words saying where they are, such as "gym" or "library." I don't mind these guys too much unless they are away for like five minutes and have the egocentric urge to tell you that they're in the "bathroom" or "next door." Oh gee, thanks! I was really worried there when I didn't hear from you for the last thirty seconds. In fact, if any away message ends with "back in a sec" you should immediately delete them from your buddy list for turning their screen name into some personal wire service. Then, of course, there are the away messagers who feel that they are SO important that they must add a "call me on the cell" in immediately following the information as to their whereabouts. Anyone who actually fulfills this request should never be allowed to use the phone again. Now admittedly, some away messagers catch lightning in a bottle from time to time and actually come up with something fairly humorous, which is why we all frequently check them. This is risky business though because the ramifications of a failed attempt at humor can cause you to acquire the dreaded 100% warning level, which is castration in the world of IM. (Let me pause to slap myself here for knowing that there is such a thing as warning levels. Okay, I'm better now.) P.S.: if I ever click on your name and your on-line time exceeds 24 hours, we are no longer friends.

3) Profilers with inspirational quotes: These people are the reason I keep a hefty size barf bag on my desk any time I make a brief cameo in the on-line domain. Sometimes I make the mistake of daring to look below a peer's away message and see some sappy line from 10,000 Maniacs reminding me that "These are days....to remember!" Or even worse is when people have quotes about love that intended only for the eyes of that special someone. For example, "Distance cannot keep us apart, love will find a way....I love you, Sean!!" I hop right in the shower after reading something like that. Don't get me wrong, I'm as sentimental as the next guy (see "All About Me" article), but employing your IM profile as a means of expressing your inner-most feelings is tackier than kissing on Martin's Way. Hey, I got an inspirational quote for those of you contemplating whether or not you should remove that stupid quote from your profile: "Just Do It."

4) Chat room mongers: Um...you know what, you people aren't even worth my time. Two pieces of advice: first, grow up, and second, go out and meet people face to face for a change.

Now I know a lot of you fit into at least one of these categories, so I am no doubt paddling upstream here. But if nothing else, at least think next time before you feel the need to digitally inform people that you're, say, in the shower. And please, if you are going to bed for the night, turn your IM off!! Does waking up to three or four "Yo, what's up"s every morning really make getting out of bed that much more worthwhile? I too will try my best to avoid going cyber-chatting , or I will at least downgrade my buddy list. One more thing, if you have any compliment/complaints about this article, I don't want you telling me on IM that it made you "LOL." Do so and I will KYA....

RANDOM HAMILTON PROFILE

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Favorite beverage: water
Favorite TV show: 7th Heaven
Favorite movie: With Honors
Favorite music: Immaculate Collection Madonna, Disney music, Phish, and "Baby Got Back"
If my parents could see me now: Thanks for everything and Go Miners.

Power and Patronage:

The Awful Truth About RA Parking

Earlier this week I learned of something that made me mad enough to puke. Apparently, RAs (Resident Advisors, to the layperson) get to park in the ELS lot

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while the rest of us peons take our pick between Ferguson, Milbank, Root, and the desolate field behind the golf course. This is what the French call "la bulshitte". Why should I have to walk half a mile to my car? Don't my parents pay just as much money for me to go here as RAs? Why do they need to park so close? Is this part of their payoff for writing kids up? These are troubling questions for troubling times. I needed answers.

Through the use of my various connections (the newly released telephone directory), I was able to discover why RAs "need" to park in ELS. It makes perfect sense. (No it doesn't.) RAs need to be close to their cars in case of an emergency. Believe it or not, RAs are on "call" 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They're obligated to help their advisees if something goes wrong. Let's say a student has had too much to drink, or has explosive gonorrhea, or has a terrible case of test anxiety. By parking in ELS, RAs can get a student to the hospital in a jiffy. It's all very logical. Isn't it?

Anyone who accepts this "emergency" justification is a moron. Emergency? Emergency?!! Isn't Campus Safety supposed to deal with emergencies? Wouldn't you rather have an ambulance take you to the hospital if you were in some serious crap? My good God. How many a-holes do we have on this ship?! As far as I can tell, the only "emergencies" that RA's will need their car's for are "emergency" trips to get ciggerettes, and "emergency" brunch runs down to Adirondack Coffeee House. Have we all lost our minds? Does the administration think we're all idiots? Emergency!!! Sweet Jesus!

It seems to me that more sinister forces were involved with this decision. In these sad, sad days of fire alarms/shakedowns, clandestine trespassing on private property operations, and general martial law, rewarding RAs with prime parking spots is the perfect way to keep valuable agents in line. Once an RA has succumbed to the evil clutches of the Dark Side, they become the eyes and ears of the administration. It's all too simple; "quid pro quo."

Given all the rhetoric on "community" that comes from the powers that be, it's shocking that such an alienating policy has been adopted at all. Aren't we all supposed to be peers? What's next - RA dining halls? An RA mail center so they don't have to deal with the riff-raff? How about RA dorms with super-RAs as the RAs for the RAs. (Now that would be weird!)

The perk of being an RA is a free room and that's more than enough (almost thirty-five hundred dollars a year). We should all have to suffer the consequences of the administration's gross incompetence in dealing with parking. Not just some of us.

We apologize for the absence of Hamilton Unscripted this week but Paul P. Jones had to help his girlfriend celebrate her 21st Birthday.
(Lucky him, huh?)

Science

Sex is in our genes

Dr. Martin Charron lectures on sex determination

by Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

On Monday the Hamilton College Biology Department was pleased to welcome Dr. Martin Charron to the Hill for a lecture in his area of research. Charron conducts research in reproductive biology at the Johns Hopkins Medical School in Baltimore, Maryland. Charron began his lecture at noon on Monday, a lecture titled "Sex determination: defining the differences between Adam and Eve." During his talk, Charron explored past theories of sex determination.

The first theory as to the mechanism driving sex determination came into existence in 490 B.C. Greek philosopher Empedocles reasoned that sex determination was dependent on the distribution of the four elements: earth, air, fire, and water. Empedocles believed that males were made up of fire and women of water; therefore, as Aristotle reasoned, a male would result from an egg fertilized with "hot" semen, and a female from "cold" semen.

This theory, however, did not last long, and soon it was believed that sex determination had to do with the position of the child in the womb. If a child developed on the left side of the womb, the child would be female, and development on the right side of the womb would yield a male child.

This too was forgotten as a new theory came to light. This new theory stated that sex determination was dependent on the testicle from which the sperm fertilizing the egg originated. If an egg was fertilized with sperm from the right testicle, a male child would result, and if sperm from the left testicle fertilized the egg, a female child would be born.

This left/right theory lasted for about 2000 years, until the 20th century and the development of the microscope. The microscope led to the discovery of chromosomes, and in 1923 scientists declared that each human is made up of 46 chromosomes: 22 pairs of autosomes, and one pair of sex chromosomes.

The infamous X and Y chromosomes were discovered, but scientists still did not understand which chromosome was responsible for determining sex. Did the presence of the Y chromosome determine sex? Or was it the absence of a Y chromosome? Or perhaps, did it have something to do with the number of X chromosomes?

These questions were not answered until 1959, when two human syndromes emerged: Turner syndrome and Klinefelter syndrome. Turner syndrome occurs when a person is born with only 45 chromosomes, and the missing chromosome is a sex chromosome. These people are all female and have only an X chromosome. Klinefelter syndrome was also discovered, in which those affected have 47 chromosomes. In this case, those affected have an extra sex chromosome, and are all male. They have the genotype XXY. This information proved to scientists that it is the presence or absence of the Y chromosome that determines sex.

With that mystery solved, scientists noticed something else. At six weeks after fertilization of an egg by a sperm, it is impossible to determine whether an embryo will develop into a male or female. The embryo has bipotential gonads and can develop into either sex; however, at week seven post-fertilization, the embryo has completely developed into either a male or a female.

Scientists noted that one in 20,000 babies are born with 46 chromosomes and an XX genotype, but are phenotypically male. These males have an extra region on one of their X chromosomes. There are also rare cases in which babies have been born with 46 chromosomes and an XY genotype, but are phenotypically female. These females are missing a portion of their Y chromosome. In a side note, surprisingly, actress Jamie Lee Curtis has an XY genotype. Inargueably female, she is infertile and actually has female, as well as male reproductive organs.

This discovery led Charron and his colleagues to begin to search for the specific gene responsible for determining sex. The extra region on the X chromosome in XX males contains the SRY gene (Sex-determination Region on the Y chromosome). Likewise, in females with an XY genotype, the Y chromosome is missing the SRY gene. Hypothesizing that the SRY gene was the gene that determined sex, Charron performed an important experiment.

He and his colleagues reasoned that if the SRY gene was the gene for sex determination, then an SRY gene added to a female embryo should cause the embryo to develop into a male. An experiment was carried out using transgenic mice in which the SRY gene was incorporated into embryos containing the XX genotype. These embryos were then transferred to psuedopregnant mice to carry them to term. When the mice were born, all the genetically female mice had male genitalia, proving that the SRY gene is the gene for sex determination.

The discovery of the SRY gene for sex determination has numerous applications in the field of reproductive biology and genetics. Charron's research provides the scientific community with an integral stepping-stone toward the understanding and elimination of syndromes caused by the sex chromosomes.

Hamilton students bring home honors from summer MathFest Conference

by Kristin Patrick '03
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This summer, two Hamilton students, Ryan McCarthy '03 and Elisa Golfinopoulos '03, gave a talk at the MathFest Conference titled "Thinning out Divergent Series"; it was recognized as one of the best undergraduate presentations of the meeting.

MathFest is sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America and was held this year in Burlington, Vermont. Over 1000 mathematicians, professors and students, were in attendance. Their interests and backgrounds varied, ranging from statistics to geometry.

Ryan, a math and economics major, was a recipient of the Ralph E. Hansmann Science Students Stipend to work for 10 weeks this summer with Hamilton Mathematics Professor Larry Knop. Elisa, a math major and potential computer science minor, was also here for the summer, working for the Math Department and contributing to another project with Associate Professor of Mathematics Timothy Kelly.

Professor Knop offered the two students an article, titled "Thinning out the Harmonic Series," to read and reflect upon. The three then set out to apply the principles outlined in the article to a research project of their own.

PHOTO BY LARRY KNOP

A very happy Elisa and Ryan, enjoying fun with fractions at the 2002 MathFest Conference.

A harmonic series, according to math whizzes Elisa and Ryan, is defined as the following sum: $1 + 1/2 + 1/3 + 1/4 + 1/5 + \ldots$ The sum diverges to infinity, meaning that the sum just keeps getting larger and larger, never approaching one specific value.

The author of the article they studied deduced that if you take out certain terms in the series, for example, every term containing the digit 9 (ex: 1/9, 1/19, 1/29, 1/39 etc.), the series surprisingly is no longer divergent. The removal of these terms, in fact, makes the series convergent, or approaching a specific value. However, the sum of the terms that have been removed, in this example all the "9" terms, is divergent, meaning its sum is an infinite value.

This curious result led Elisa, Ryan, and Professor Knop to further explore the idea of "thinning out" series. Specifically, the team wanted to see why this phenomenon happens in general and whether the method used to thin out terms affects the end result of the summation.

They developed a model to test their supposition and discovered that the result of thinning out is independent of the method used. In fact, this idea of "thinning out" terms appears to apply to all decreasing, positive term, divergent series.

The talk by Ryan and Elisa, on "Thinning Out Divergent Series," was one of 58 Mathematics Association of America undergraduate presentations at MathFest. Their talk was rated as one of the nine best MAA undergraduate presentations at the conference.

Elisa and Ryan's impressive research even attracted one mathematician who came specifically to hear them speak.

But it wasn't all fractions and integrals at MathFest. Elisa and Ryan told *The Spectator* that they also had the fabulous opportunity to take a tour of the Ben & Jerry's ice cream factory.

However, even that was not totally without math; they heard a lecture given by a Ben & Jerry's statistician regarding the mathematics of ice cream making, for example, the rate at which cherries are added to a pint of Cherry Garcia.

What's next for Elisa and Ryan? They are currently working on submitting an article describing their findings to *Mathematics Magazine*. As for next year, the two have aspirations of going to graduate school, possibly continuing their studies in math.

Features

"America's Mayor:" from the WTC to HC

by Rebecca Fabricant '03
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The latest guest in the Sacerdote Series Great Names at Hamilton, former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, will present a public lecture in the Margaret Scott Bundy Field House on Monday, September 23rd as His speech at Hamilton will occur less than two weeks after the former mayor helped mark the first anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center at a ceremony at Ground Zero in Manhattan.

In the days, weeks, and months following September 11, Giuliani became known as "America's Mayor." Nearly losing his life at Ground Zero during the collapse of the towers, Giuliani came to personify the grief and resolve of the nation. More than any other public figure, he was credited with consoling and reassuring the public during the crisis. Through attendance at scores of victims' funerals, including the New York City firefighters who have so inspired the nation, Giuliani embodied the City's grief and gratitude.

In naming Giuliani their Man of the Year for 2001, Time magazine praised the former mayor's leadership on September 11th. "With the President out of sight for most of that day, Giuliani became the voice of America. Every time he spoke, millions of people felt a little better. His words were full of grief and iron, inspiring New York to inspire the nation," the magazine wrote.

Time went on to praise his ability to inspire New Yorkers and other Americans to return to their everyday lives and to look to the future: "Tomorrow, New York is going to be here," Giuliani said. "And we're going to rebuild, and we're going to be stronger than we were before... I want the people of New York to be an example to the rest of the country, and the rest of the world, that terrorism can't stop us."

The Sacerdote Series Great Names at Hamilton, is made possible by a gift from the family of Alex Sacerdote, a 1994 Hamilton graduate. According to its page on the Hamilton website, the principle behind the Great Names Series is that it "provides the Hamilton community with the opportunity to interact with some of the world's most renowned individuals."

The Great Names Series began in 1996 with guest Colin Powell. Other Great Names guests have included Madeleine Albright, Jimmy Carter, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Lady Margaret Thatcher, Mary Matalin, James Carville, Elie Wiesel, F.W. deKlerk and B.B.King.

A former United States Attorney, Giuliani was first elected mayor of New York City in 1993 and was reelected in 1997. He was the first Republican since Fiorello La Guardia to win more than one term as New York City's mayor.

While Giuliani was mayor, overall crime was reduced by 50 percent and murder by 70 percent in New York City. His focus as a governmental leader often lay in attempting to reform public schools, overhauling city welfare policies, and improving the quality of life in New York City. The FBI named New York as the safest large city in America for the last 5 years of Giuliani's tenure.

Most Hamilton students were enthusiastic about the choice of Giuliani as speaker. Anna Crowe '03 said, "I'm excited about Giuliani coming especially because he is meeting with my journalism class on Monday before his speech."

Jessica Atcheson '03 is "really interested to hear what he's going to say." Another student explained, "As a person who has lived in Manhattan my whole life, I'm particularly excited to hear him speak. In my eyes, he's a real hero."

Some Hamilton students noted that despite his accomplishments, Giuliani's tenure as mayor prior to September 11th was considered controversial.

Jenny Taransky '03 opined, "He definitely wouldn't be my first choice as a speaker."

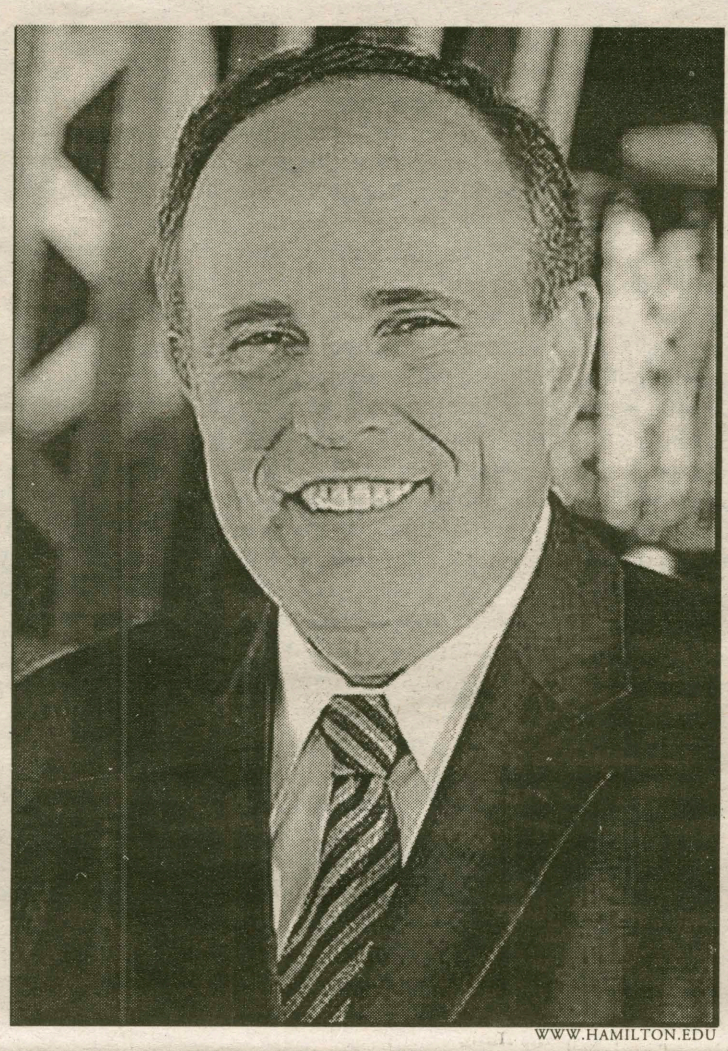
Liora Hoffman '03 had mixed feelings: "As a New Yorker, especially since 9/11, I'm really excited to hear what he has to say. However, I have to say that I feel that the money for the speakers would be better spent elsewhere, like for financial aide."

Jon Hysell, Director of Alumni Programs in the Office of Communications and Development at Hamilton, responded that, "There is a real effort to collaborate between alumni programs and student groups to determine who will be guests as part of the series."

Hysell noted that both Director of Student Activities Lisa Magnarelli and the Campus Activities Board take part in reviewing and selecting guests in the Great Names Series.

Already this month, Hysell has sent out two emails to Hamilton students and faculty, asking who they would like to see as the next guest speaker. So far, they are still awaiting feedback, but the consensus seems to be that the speaker should be chosen by the group effort of the Hamilton community, including alumni, students, faculty, parents, and friends.

The Field House doors will open at 6 p.m. Monday evening, with Giuliani scheduled to begin speaking at 7:30 p.m. This lecture is free and open to the public. Although Hamilton students will receive guaranteed admission with their student card and ticket, a waiting list has begun for general public tickets.



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Former NYC Mayor Giuliani will try his passionate, often controversial, speaking style on the Hill Monday night. The College expects a capacity-filled Field House.

Hola Heritage Month !

by Daisy Mera '04
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National Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from September 15 to October 15, is a time to celebrate and reflect upon the contributions of Latinos to the United States.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 26 million people in the U.S., or about ten percent of the population, are of Hispanic origin.

The commemorative month-long celebration began as a weekly celebration. On September 17, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson declared the first National Hispanic Heritage Week.

Johnson called upon Americans, especially the educational community, to observe the week with ceremonies and activities.

Many educational settings continue to take time out to honor this month and its message. Classrooms across the country conduct activities through which students develop "ethnic literacy" by understanding more about their Latino classmates.

College campuses across the country are conducting various activities this month to highlight the Latino presence.

This National Hispanic Heritage Week tradition continued through 1988, when President Ronald Reagan declared it a full month celebration.

President Clinton, in his 1999 proclamation of Hispanic Heritage Month, underscored the importance of this celebration when he said of this nation's population:

"This diversity has brought variety and richness to the mosaic that is America and has strengthened our national character with invaluable perspective, experiences, and values."

Hispanic Heritage Month allows all Americans to join and celebrate as a collective community the wonderful differences that make us the unique and vibrant nation we are today.

During this month, tune into your favorite channel to watch a documentary on a prominent Hispanic, pick up a good novel by a Latino/a author, or catch one of the many activities planned throughout the month by La Vanguardia on campus to honor the contributions of Latinos in the US. ¡Que viva la raza!

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Professor and student garner national honors

Tewksbury course to be a science model

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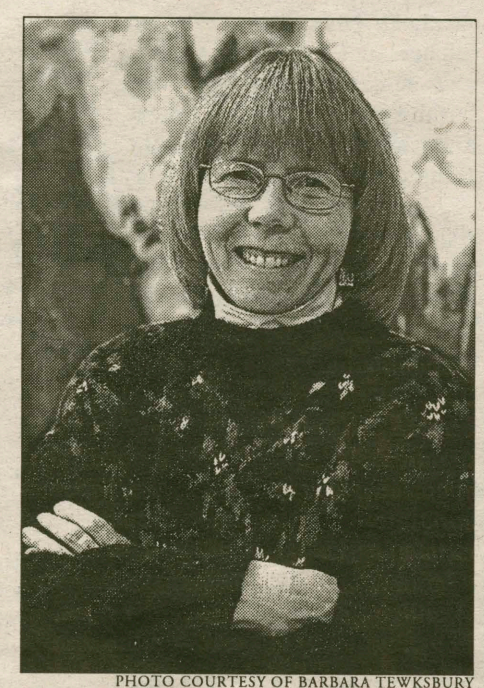

PHOTO COURTESY OF BARBARA TEWKSBURY
Geology Professor Tewksbury's course will be taught nationally.

Hamilton prides itself on its focus on liberal arts education, offering a great variety of courses over a wide spectrum of subjects and disciplines. While every class taught on the hill is of great quality, one in particular was recently recognized for its significant value.

Barbara Tewksbury, the Stephen Harper Kirner Professor of Geology, teaches a popular introductory geology class entitled "The Geology and Development of Modern Africa." The American Association of Colleges and Universities (AACU) recently chose this class as one of four courses to be taught nationally in 2002 as a model course that connects the teaching of science to social and civic issues.

Armed with a grant from the National Science Foundation to improve undergraduate education, the AACU strives to identify and promote pioneering courses taught with the idea that science does not and cannot exist by itself. In such courses, a student would be able to see that if a person is comfortable with science, he or she can make better decisions about matters involving civic issues as well as science.

Three years ago, the AACU called for nominations for such a course. After being assured that her Africa class met the criteria, Tewksbury submitted her nomination. This year, the AACU selected it for national dissemination as a model course.

It is one of only eight courses that have been chosen from colleges and universities nationwide, and it is the first geology course to be selected. Tewksbury's course materials are now available on CD, and will soon be accessible via the internet.

Tewksbury is delighted with the selection of her course for distribution. "It's exciting for me to see geology featured in a way it commonly is not," she said. "It doesn't usually come to the forefront. And personally, I'm thrilled."

The course studies both the geology of Africa and the effects of geologic change upon human development.

"The course looks at the underlying and often subtle influences of geology on human events rather than just [focusing on] earthquakes and volcanoes and natural disasters," explained Tewksbury.

"We're looking at how geology influences everything from the location and timing of ancient Egyptian civilization to the origins of apartheid in South Africa. We try to answer why Egyptian civilization developed when and where it did, why people lived where they did in North Africa, why those settlement patterns changed, and what influence geology had," Tewksbury continued.

The course also provides students with hands-on geologic experience by having them participate in a diamond exploration project.

"In the last month of the course we do a simulated diamond exploration project set in southern Algeria," Tewksbury said.

"Students, in teams, design an exploration program, and carry out sample collection and analysis, and data analysis in order to locate potential targets for developing diamond mines," she explained.

"At the end of the semester," she continues, "they present their findings to a colleague of mine who spent his career in mineral exploration, and he acts as a potential investor. It's complex, it's open-ended, and it gives students a chance to do geology and make decisions about a geologic finding."

Tewksbury is currently working with a colleague to develop new modules based upon this class.

"I have a co-worker in Dallas who is from the Sudan. He and I are looking for grant funding to engage a group of African geologists at universities there," she explained.

"[My colleague] feels that this type of course is what African universities should be teaching."

Basco named TDX 's national "Undergrad of the Year"

by Alex Sear '05
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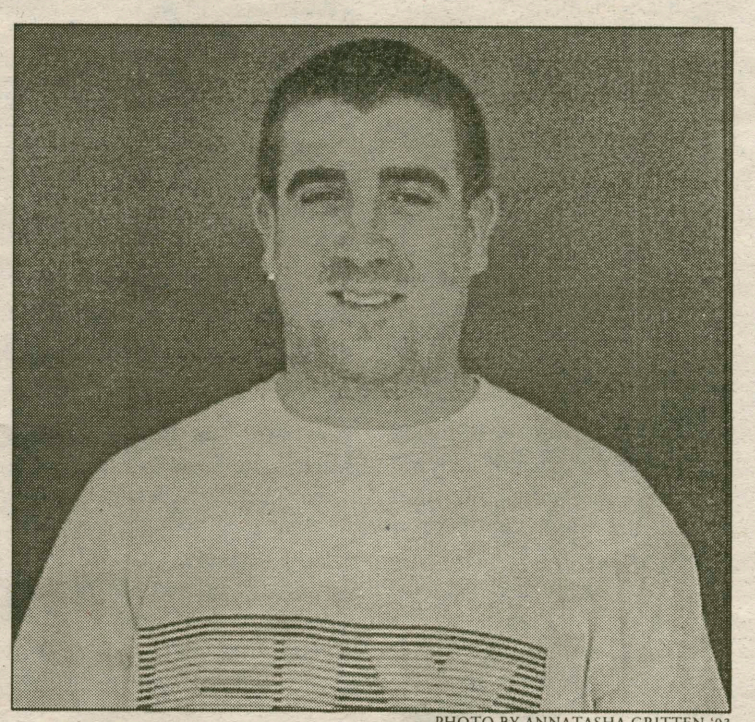

PHOTO BY ANNATASHA GRITTEN '03
TDX President and recent award winner Andy Basco.

When Theta Delta Chi (TDX) President Adam Basco '03 attended the Region 3 conference of his fraternity this August in Rochester, he was not expecting to receive any honor other than that of representing Hamilton's chapter at the national level.

At the end of the conference, however, not only had he strengthened Hamilton's chapter of TDX's national ties, he had been named undergraduate of the year for all of Canada and the Northeast. His unexpected honor was announced at a black-tie grand banquet during the conference, much to his surprise.

"It was crazy; I had no idea when Drew Knowles ['04] and I got there that I would be honored. It was such a shock," he exclaimed.

The event and the chance to connect with alumni and current TDX chapters are still fresh in his mind.

"It was a great time, I met a lot of Hamilton alumni; our oldest alum was there, as were Bill Love and Lawrence Kennedy," Basco recalled.

Now back on the hill for his final year at Hamilton, Basco is living the life of an active student and athlete. Not surprisingly, he was captain of both the basketball and football teams at The Hill School in Pottsville, PA before coming to Hamilton. He has been on the football team here for three years, and is now the starting center for the Continentals.

Basco is majoring in Government and is currently putting together his senior project, focused on oil and the environment, but still finds a lot of time to devote to his society and his brothers.

When talking with Basco, it is apparent that his fraternity is very dear to him, and his honor is a tribute to the work both he and his brothers have done for their society. His success in making connections with alumni and the national level is one of the reasons TDX chose Basco.

Over the past three years he has been steadily building Hamilton's links to other chapters and alumni, as well as helping the fraternity through some tough financial times.

"I'm very happy with how far we've come. We're getting known on the national level, we regained alumni ties, and this year, for the first time in 4 years, we have a working budget," he said.

Basco also manages to support Greek life in general at Hamilton by his participation in the Inter-Society Council, for which he is treasurer and sits on the Judicial Committee.

This semester is a busy one for TDX, with the "Nothin' Fancy" party scheduled for October 24th and featuring a not-yet-revealed big-name band. The brothers are also planning a barbecue and cocktail party on Family Weekend for parents, and a clothing drive in November.

Basco is most impressed by the variety of activities and interests displayed by the members of his fraternity.

"We are all individuals and we don't all do the same things; we play different sports or none at all, and I've definitely tried to encourage that," he said. With about 35 brothers, TDX is "a small, but tight group. We're really there for each other."

This closeness reminds Andy of one of his best memories of his fraternity.

"We've been through two deaths since I've been at Hamilton, and we've gotten through it together. For one of the memorial services, the brothers went to Boston, some driving twelve hours, and it was great to see even the pledges turn out to be there for each other," he recalls.

As a senior, Basco is starting to think about what comes after Hamilton and his work for TDX.

He is looking into finding an internship with the Disney Company because "there's a lot of opportunity to move up in that company."

He is also considering working for a professional sports team (though not playing!), either the Philadelphia Phillies or the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Basco will freely tell you that he's "not big on change" and "will definitely be back to visit" to check on the status of his society.

When asked what legacy he'd like to leave, Basco said, "I'm very happy we've reestablished ourselves, both on campus and nationally, and that we're financially stable. I'm hoping that this means future [TDX] Presidents can be confident in the society and focus on service to the College."

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College rankings - valuable necessity or necessary evil?

by Allison Davis '06
FEATURES WRITER

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Campus improvement projects, such as the Campus Rd. construction, can often translate into a better ranking for a college in US News' calculations.

It's September, and for hundreds of thousands of high school seniors, college admissions season is building to a critical mass. Admissions offices are inundated with requests for applications. Glossy viewbooks and course catalogs overflow in mailboxes. Campus tour guides backward-shuffle pre-frosh tour groups across campuses nationwide.

This rush really intensifies when the national college rankings are released. Publications ranging from the Princeton Review (a publisher of standardized test tutorial books) to alternative news journals such as Mother Jones all offer their own rankings. Last week, the best-known of the bunch - US News and World Report - released its rankings of liberal arts colleges, comprehensive colleges, and master's and doctorate programs in the United States.

These rankings are largely based upon statistics, including admitted students' SAT scores, admissions acceptance rates, student graduation rates, and alumni donations. According to the official statement on the US News website, a college's ranking "relies on quantitative measures that education experts have proposed as reliable indicators of academic quality, and it is based on our nonpartisan view of what matters in education."

However, the US News rankings do not take into account such issues as the quality and quantity of extracurricular activities, the strength or weakness of different academic departments, or even student satisfaction with the quality of campus life. Thus, many believe the rankings should not be held as the end-all and be-all of the college selection process. Hamilton Dean of Admissions Richard Fuller counts himself among these critics.

"Prospective [undergraduate] students should look at a lot of things when looking at colleges - not just the rankings. Some people use it as a 'shopping list,' and only apply to schools that rank well, but there are many other factors they need to consider," he advised.

Despite this recommendation, which is oft-repeated to prospective freshmen as they go about their "college tour," many prospective students and their parents use these rankings as their main guides regarding the colleges to which they apply. The proof is in the sales - the US News rankings issue is a perennial best-seller, and a substantial number of US households keep it on their coffee tables.

A college's position in the rankings can significantly affect the number of applications it receives, thus affecting the college's selectivity statistics and general academic reputation. In addition, twenty out of twenty randomly selected Hamilton students approached by this writer were aware of Hamilton's exact position in the rankings. It can thus be assumed that these rankings do matter in terms of the public perception, if not in terms of the de facto quality of a school.

This year, Hamilton College jumped from 21st to 18th place on the list, tying with Colby and Colgate. Mike Proia '05 weighed in on the significance of Hamilton's move upward as a "step in the right direction. Hamilton used to be considered more of a party school, but now it's really becoming known for its academics... It matters that we moved up, and people will be aware of that."

In recent years, there has been some controversy regarding the methodology behind many publications of college rankings, including those offered by US News'. Opponents have noted that in an attempt to maintain sales, publications often change the criteria by which they measure colleges from year to year. According to this logic, buyers of the annual rankings do not want to see the same three colleges in the top three spots every year - it is necessary to "shake things up" at the higher echelons in order to retain public interest in the list.

The fact also remains that the "hard data" required for these rankings is provided by the colleges themselves - leaving the chore of fact-checking to the ranking services. "I'm not really a fan of these lists - they're generally very subjective," said Dean of Admissions Fuller. "They're not very careful with their research, and the rankings are often inaccurate."

The general consensus among most Hamilton students interviewed for this article was that these rankings should be taken into consideration - to a degree. When using the lists to aid in choosing a college, most feel it is necessary to remain cautious in one's interpretation of the list.

Other students, such as Alisha Fowler '06, take a more devil-may-care approach.

"It's just a bunch of 40-year-olds trying to tell us where to go and what to do. You need to weigh and measure your options... You don't need to follow their advice," Fowler suggested.

POSSE kicks off second year

by Brian Farnkoff '05
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Last Thursday night, the kitchen of Fergusen was busy with students preparing dinner, but this was no ordinary dinner and these were no ordinary Hamilton students.

In the kitchen , Jason Haas '05, chair of the Diversity/Disability Committee, and Adam Collins '05, chief choreographer and founder of the new dance group on campus Hip-Hop Explozion, chopped vegetables to hip-hop beats as they prepared for a feast. Then at 6 p.m., a diverse group of some Hamilton scholars entered the garlic-scented air of Fergusen's kitchen.

Last Thursday night, the sophomore class of Posse Scholars from Boston hosted their first-year counterparts to a welcoming dinner that marked the organization's second year of involvement on Hamilton's campus. The POSSE Foundation is a scholarship organization that awards ten full-tuition scholarships per year to deserving urban students from Boston who might otherwise not have been noticed by or have found interest in a college such as Hamilton.

The foundation recruits a diverse group of students from schools in the Greater Boston area, and then together the students undergo an intensive eight-month leadership training program before arriving on campus. Once on campus, the Posse team works to support one another and to enhance the campus's academic and social atmosphere.

Currently, there are two Posses on Hamilton's campus, meaning that the organization is relatively new here. However, the Posse family extends all over the country, with the founding (and largest) office in New York City, an office in Chicago, and a new office in Los Angeles.

Each city's office cooperates with different respective schools. Boston for example works with two colleges other than Hamilton, including Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania and Bowdoin College in Maine. Therefore, each year there are thirty full-tuition scholarships available for deserving Boston students, while numerous other scholarships are available every year in other cities.

The Posse scholarship is a unique opportunity for inner-city youth that may have experienced hardship throughout their high school careers. Because the criteria for the Posse scholarship is "leadership", it is available to a student who may have demonstrated noticeable improvement in the academic sphere amidst difficult life circumstances.

For instance, Posse Scholar Arezoo Taef '06, has had to endure many forms of intense discrimination in her native Iran.

Because of her Bahai religion, she and her brother were denied the opportunity for higher education and to freely practice their religion by the Muslim government.

"Some of the teachers who knew that I was Bahai discriminated against me...I wouldn't get the grades I really deserved," reflects Arezoo.

Finally relocating to Turkey, Arezoo was denied education there for thirteen months because of her refugee status. After hving been denied citizenship approval in Canada, they arrived in America two years ago, where Arezoo attended Chelsea High School outside Boston.

Since then, she has learned how to speak English, earned a B average in her senior year, and demonstrated herself to be an exemplary leader in her community-allowing her now to thrive as part of Hamilton College.

Not only is the Posse Foundation focused primarily on leadership, but it also is referred to as a diversity scholarship. However, the Posse Foundation is not a minority scholarship and is not based on financial need, though many of the Posse Scholars come from inner-city backgrounds and otherwise may not have considered a private institution such as Hamilton.

Posse Scholars come from all different origins, ethnicities, areas of the city, religions, races, cultural backdrops, sexual orientations, and from various communities around Boston. Consequently, the one vital characteristic that Posse Scholars may actually share is their understanding of difference.

Phyllis Breland, the Assistant Director of the Opportunity Programs at Hamilton and Posse Mentor, applauds Hamilton's adoption of the program as, "the relationship established between Hamilton and Posse speak to the commitment of both parties to the ever-changing face of our community."

Bienvenue to 5 new French films

Amelie of Montmarte will soon continue her adventures, this time on the Hamilton hill.

Le fabuleux destin d'Amelie Poulain will be the opening film this Sunday of a year-long French Film program at Hamilton.

The French Department has received an $1800 grant from the Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the French Ministry of Culture to participate in "Tournees," the French American Cultural Services and Educational Aid's (FACSEA) French film grant program.

In collaboration with the Kirkland Art Center in Clinton and with additional support from the Offices of the President and the Dean of Students, and the Departments of Africana Studies and Comparative Literature, the college will present a series entitled "New French Films."

Five recent French films will be shown over the course of the academic year; these films will be open to the general public and will be free for Hamilton students. They will be shown in Kirner-Johnson auditorium and at the Clinton Cinema in the village.

The other films to be shown in the series include:

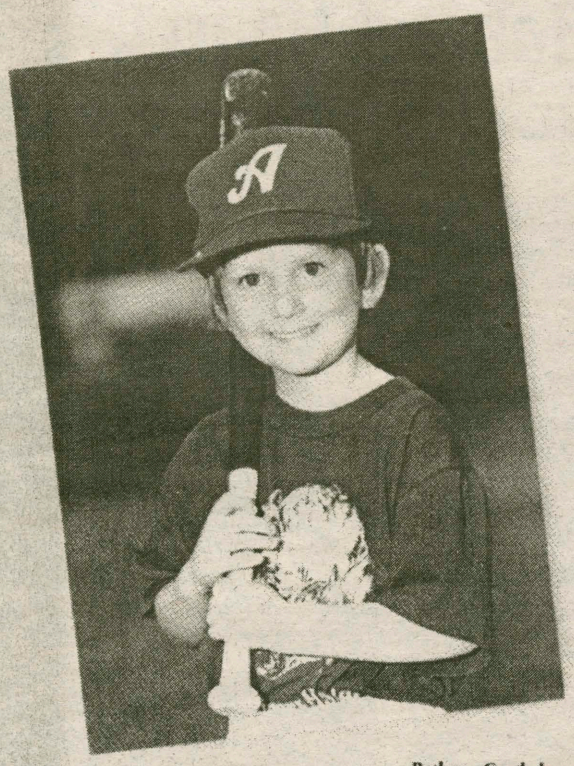
Le Gout des Autres (A taste for others), directed by Agnes Jaoui
Sunday, October 27, KJ Auditorium 4 pm

L'Anglaise et le Duc (The Lady and the Duke), directed by Eric Rohmer
Sunday, November 24 Clinton Cinema 4:30 pm

Lumumba, directed by Raoul Peck
Sunday, Sunday, February 2, Clinton Cinema 4:30 pm

Eloge de l'Amour (In Praise of Love), directed by Jean-Luc Godard,
Sunday April 6 KJ Auditorium, 4 pm.

Compiled by James Du Vernay '03



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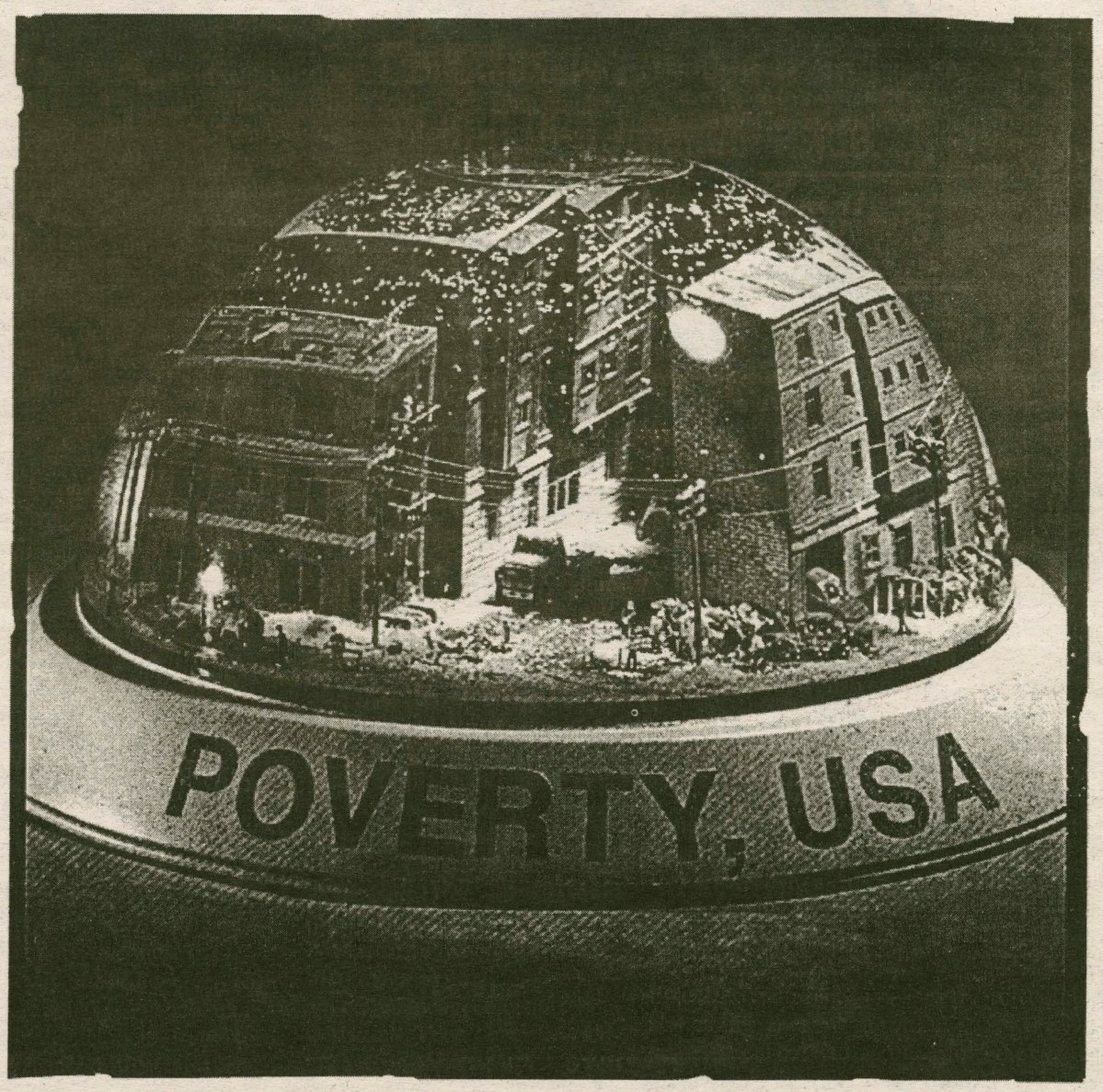

Arts & Entertainment

Smoky Songstress Softens Even the Hardest Heart

KATEY HEALY-WURZBURG '05 POURS HER HEART OUT OVER NORAH

Her voice is smoky, yet crisp around the edges, but it fades away smoothly, melting like cotton candy on your ears. There is a latent power in her voice, but it is always surprising to hear her suddenly speed up and become more intense, although the overall shift is really rather small. I'm sorry, I know that is really sappy, but Norah Jones's voice is truly amazing. This relative newcomer to the arena of jazz and, almost as recently, to the pop world, Norah Jones' new album "Come Away with Me" is making quite a splash. Even after her shift from the more eclectic, indie-focused label ATO Records (Ben Kweller, Patty Griffin) to the strict-jazz of Blue Notes, a division of Capitol Records, her album seems to still be some fusion form of jazz. Maybe it is just her voice – it is well suited to rambling jazz, but it seems to also be flexible enough to lend itself nicely to a wide variety of genres. "Nightingale," track 12, seems, in particular, to have strong pop tendencies. She is truly a formidable vocal talent. But her voice is also mature and soulful – it is far more expressive by itself than any of the other singer-songwriters' voices out there. Arif Mardin, the producer of her album, named after one of the three songs on the album that Ms. Jones penned herself, pushes Jones's voice to the front of each song. The quiet piano, subdued chords, gentle bass notes, and rambling drumbeats seem to ground to her voice, barely supporting the ethereal notes. It is a very interesting affect, creating an extremely mellow, beautiful sound. But the subtle play between her voice and the occasional instrumental building create a really fascinating complexity that makes me want to listen to the album again and again. Overall, the album is extremely refreshing in the lack of ego it conveys. Norah Jones only wrote two, and co-wrote one, of the songs on the album. Pretty rare when the rage today is for younguns who write all their songs, produce the albums in a garage, and color their own album covers. But Norah Jones makes these songs her own, cultivating them and presenting them in a new, very out of the ordinary way. Even the first track, "Don't Know Why" (Jesse Harris) opens with a remarkably strong instrumental section, for the album. In the song her voice kind of creeps up and surprises you with its intensity as the song progresses. It's almost like she is bashfully sitting behind her piano, playing her music, and waiting patiently for us dunderheads (great word, dunderheads) to notice this formidable talent.

Final Thoughts Kiddies: I really like it, and I rarely like female singers (sorry, I'm just weird like that). How can I not love lyrics like "If I were a painter/I would paint my reverie/If that's the only way for you to be with me/ We'd be there together/just like we used to be/Underneath the swirling skies for all to see..." ("Painter Song," Lee Alexander/J.C. Hopkins)? She is a genuinely talented singer and musician. Norah Jones is gonna be huge. Really.

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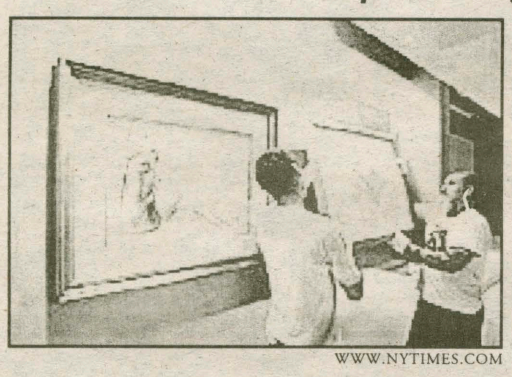
Norah Jones tickles the ivories; or perhaps those are the plastics.

Ever see sex in a museum?

Christopher Fogelstrom '03 takes a look at NYC's newest museum, MoSex



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MoSex will be open to Hamilton students, and the world, on September 28th, 2002.

Sex. Sex, sex, sex. The topic keeps the minds, as well as various other parts of the anatomy of college students, working overtime. But what if sex kept you thinking for a reason other than the obvious? What if sex became an intellectual endeavor? The answer, at least in New York City, is MoSex; and no, I'm not referring to a Michaane pick-up line. A far cry from a high school history field trip, a visit to the site of this museum – coincidentally the site of a working brothel up until the early 90s – will leave one with a thorough historical understanding of the art of coitus as it relates to NYC and to America.

MoSex, which will open to the public on September 28th, is the 1997 brainchild of computer entrepreneur Daniel Gluck. Gluck, a former artist himself, got the idea for a sex museum while contemplating sexuality in New York City.

The already infamous MoSex will open with an exhibition entitled "NYC Sex: How New York City Transformed Sex in America." The exhibition contains exhibits investigating the sexual subcultures of New York City's past and present. Covering 5,000 square feet, the exposition investigates the histories of fetish, prostitution, obscenity, birth control, and burlesque, and how these developments in NYC influence attitudes about sex in America today. According to the MoSex website, "NYC Sex" reveals how it has been possible in New York, more than in any other American city, to form grps around sex and sexuality.

Viewing "NYC Sex" takes one from the late 19th century till the present, telling many a provocative tale on the way, such as the story of Anthony Comstock, a passionate champion against every kind of vice imaginable. Comstock documented many of the primary sources during his effort to display the sad moral state of New York City. Or the tale of Julius Schmid: Schmid, an immigrant in New York City during the late 1800s, made history when he began marketing sausage casings made out of animal intestines as a contraceptive tool called "skins."

> Whittington's collection, on display at MoSex, includes more than four hundred 8-millimeter films, 700 videos, 1,500 magazines, and a blow-up doll named Candy, the "Bra-Buster."

The exhibit progresses to the history of pornography in NYC. Starting with small cartoon pornography booklets called Tijuana Bibles, the exhibit follows the development of fetishist and sadomasochistic themes in pornography, until the beginning of popular interest in pornographic films. The exhibition ends with the introduction of AIDS into the sexual cultures of NYC, showing the effects this change had on the entirety of NYC sexual culture.

Aside from "NYC Sex," MoSex also boasts a number of other collections, including an extensive exhibit donated by former Library of Congress curator Ralph Whittington, a self-proclaimed collector of pornography. Whittington's collection, on display at MoSex, includes more than 400 8-millimeter films; 700 videos; 1,500 magazines; and a blow-up doll named Candy, the "Bra-Buster."

MoSex has caught the attention of various groups for its not-so-modest content. Representatives from the museum, however, contend that the primary purpose of the museum is to educate. Talk about prostitution and pornography, however, has left many shocked and curious. Not surprisingly, the museum has received the condemnation of groups such as the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, who dubbed the museum "MoSmut." MoSex's directors asure the public that their intentions are to appeal to the historian in everyone, not the sensationalist. The museum has already drawn the accolades of some prominent historians and social scientists, such as Elizabeth Blackmar, Ph.D., a historian at Columbia University.

Although the museum is certainly not the first of its kind in the world, America has yet to accept the study of sex in museum form. While MoSex has certainly already caused a stir, the success of the museum will be decided by the number of visitors it can attract per year.

Swimf@n fits "teenybopper" formula

HANNAH TOCE '05 SPENDS A HARD-EARNED 6 BUCKS FYI

Being scouted by Ivy Leagues. Holding down an after school job, getting straight As, having a fabulous girlfriend. Getting stalked by the hot new girl at school. This must remind every swimmer of his high school career!

This was the life of Ben Cronin until he met Madison, the new girl who disrupted everything. Madison, the fantasy of every guy at school, begins stalking Ben after a sordid sexual encounter that they share in the pool. Madison's persistent emails, visits to his home, and pages (who still has a pager!) start to tear Ben's life apart, but it isn't until he is disqualified from a pivotal swim meet and thrown off the team for steroid use that he realizes how vicious and dangerous Madison really is. While professing that he never abused steroids, he must piece together the evidence from Madison's past to prove that it is really she who is trying to ruin his future.

A totally engrossing movie, *Swimfan* accomplishes exactly what it sets out to do: thrill the viewer. Reminiscent of the *I Know What You Did Last Summer* era, *Swimfan* embarks on the creepy journey Cronin must take through Madison's tangled past to save his life, his future, and his girlfriend. To do this, Cronin must (of course) befriend the quintessential "weird kid" at school who happens to be Madison's cousin and holds all the answers to bring Ben's life back together. Ben's race prove his innocence and to save his girlfriend Amy from death at the hands of Madison is suspenseful enough to keep the audience's attention.

In no way is *Swimfan* a realistic movie. But is it really supposed to be? There seem to be almost no parents in the film, though the characters are supposed to be high school students. Of course there is a raucous "parent's are out of town" house party, reminiscent of *Scream*. Despite all of these necessary clichés, the characters are somehow developed in a way that makes the premise of the movie at least seem plausible. Madison perfectly fits a "disturbed teen" profile – weird family, scary past, ex-boyfriend in a coma – while Amy is obviously the Jennifer Love Hewitt/ Neve Campbell of *Swimfan*; perfect life, perfect hair, perfect target.

In a society that embraces these cookie-cutter films, *Swimfan* is the perfect addition to the teenybopper horror flick section of the video store. It isn't difficult to guess what's going to happen next in the plot, but you kind of want to stick around to watch it anyway – it's fun.

For anyone who has any aquatic experience, *Swimfan* is a hysterically funny way to spend an afternoon. When Cronin pulled his lifeless girlfriend from the pool— carefully using his lifeguarding techniques— and then delivered rescue breathing to bring her back from the edge, I couldn't stop laughing. You won't find yourself any more intelligent for seeing *Swimfan*, but I could think of worse ways to spend six dollars.

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Jesse Bradford and Erika Christensen hook-up in Swimfan. Sound cool? Think again. Check it out at Sangertown this weekend.

This Week's Movie News

Brian Sweeney '06 brings you the cinema news like no one else

As is usually the case, the first few weeks of September are anything but exciting for the avid movie-goer. There are not many movies worth going to see until at least November, which means that studios basically dump whatever bad movies they can in these two months, hoping that one might catch on. There are exceptions and you may find that there are one or two recent releases worth catching. Though I have seen neither, both *One Hour Photo* and *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, which have just been given wide releases, are being praised highly.

Today opens *The Four Feathers*, a film directed by Shekhar Kapur. You may have seen

Elizabeth, starring Cate Blanchett, which Kapur also directed. This film stars Heath Ledger, Kate Hudson, and Wes Bentley. The story, based on the 1901 novel by A.E.W. Mason, centers on Ledger's character shipping off to a war in Sudan. Upon realizing that he was not made to be a soldier, he flees and subsequently receives four white feathers from his friends and girlfriend – a symbol of his cowardice. To prove them wrong, he sets out to return to Sudan alone, aide his former fellow soldiers, and return the feathers to their owners.

Also opening is a film called *The Banger Sisters*, starring Goldie Hawn and Susan Sarandon. The film concerns two former friends and rock groupies reuniting after twenty years. Sounds like Best Picture material to me. Perhaps the only thing interesting about this project is the fact that somebody cast Kate Hudson's mother as a groupie. If that's enough to get you to pay nine dollars for a ticket, then enjoy.

This week's casting news is a bit sparse, but there are some interesting things to note. Natalie Portman has signed on to star in a film called *Large's Ark*, which tells the story of a man who returns to his home after a ten year absence. Portman will play the character who causes him to consider staying there. Filming begins this spring.

Brad Renfro has decided to drop out of the upcoming Freddy vs. Jason film. It was never explained why Renfro quit the film, which means that sound judgement was the only reason. If you are unable to figure out what kind of story this movie will feature then I suggest you rent *Friday the 13th* and *Nightmare on Elm Street*. Jason Ritter will be replacing Renfro.

Well if you ever wondered if Hollywood was going to exploit September 11th (if it hasn't blatantly done so already), just look at the title of this upcoming sequel – *Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde*. A director, Charles Herman-Wurmfeld, has just been hired for the project, which means, yes, this movie will actually be made.

Also this week, Norman Jewison, director of *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Moonstruck*, and *The Hurricane*, has just signed on to direct *The Statement*. The story centers on a former Nazi executioner who went on to live a quiet life hidden under the protection of the Catholic Church, until a new investigation began. Michael Caine is set to star in this adaptation of the Brian Moore novel.

Special thanks to Variety, The Hollywood Reporter, and www.boxofficemojo.com

Amelie

Le fabuleux destin d'Amelie Poulain, the award-winning French film by Jean-Pierre Jeunet, will be the opening film this Sunday of a year-long French Film program at Hamilton!

Sunday, September 22 @ 4 pm

KJ Auditorium

Movie Title	Weekend Gross	Total Gross
1. Barbershop	$20,627,433	$20,627,433
2. My Big Fat Greek Wedding	$10,772,146	$110,443,668
3. One Hour Photo	$8,006,660	$14,567,429
4. SwimF@n	$6,051,863	$19,682,646
5. Stealing Harvard	$6,041,521	$6,041,521
6. Signs	$5,405,275	$213,032,514
7. City by the Sea	$4,862,445	$16,654,735
8. XXX	$3,308,202	$135,393,319
9. Spy Kids 2	$2,742,641	$77,397,043
10. Austin Powers: Goldmember	$1,854,216	$209,634,700

Paul Zaloom to Present Velvetville

Clinton, NY - The Hamilton College Performing Arts opens the Contemporary Voices and Visions Series on Saturday, September 21, at 8 p.m. with *Paul Zaloom's Velvetville* in Wellin Hall on the Hamilton College campus.

WHAT IS VELVETVILLE? Mix a tablespoon of Marcel Duchamp with a teaspoon of George Carlin, a half cup of Salvador Dali, and a bowl of Soupy Sales. Result: *Paul Zaloom's Velvetville*, a relentlessly low-tech, multimedia puppet extravaganza, featuring cheesy black velvet paintings; highly idiosyncratic, puppet animations; and weirdly funny juxtapositions of unlikely objects and trash.

WHAT'S IT ABOUT? The actual topic of the show must be kept a secret, for reasons that will become obvious once the show begins.

WHAT HAPPENS? Dressed in cheap flannel pajamas, Zaloom races between three different media on the stage to illustrate a surrealistic and wildly funny narrative. We see Zaloom's Vermont vacation trip, which urbanizes and destroys the state; his sudden death and subsequent wake in a funeral home; his descent into hell, run by Walt Disney; his hyperactive and cathartic nightmare about the ultimate Republican party; and much more.

WHAT 3 MEDIA? #1: Found objects and other rubbish as puppets (a gas mask plays an L.A. city bus; a stack of egg cartons is a condominium; bubble wrap portrays a frozen, popping river; and hideous shower curtains provide the backdrops).

#2: Black velvet paintings, with Smurfs, lurid sunsets, leaping fish, big eyed waifs, etc. from the jolly land of American kitsch.

#3 Hand puppets in the wild and ribald tradition of the 450-year-old Punch and Judy Show, updated to fit the new dynamic of this glorious baby millennium. The incorrigible cad Punch deals with love, murder, and law enforcement and maybe pays the consequences.

WHAT'S THE POINT? Directed by Randee Trabitz, this three ring circus celebrates our swell civilization and Zaloom's complicity in its evils while dazzling unsuspecting viewers with a panoply of breathtakingly cheap special effects. Sustained laughter and wild amusement will be the objective, with the residual effect of the audience realizing it is laughing at what will eventually kill us all. Tickets are $15 adult, $10 senior, and $5 students. To reserve tickets or for more information, call the performing arts ticket office at 859-4331. Due to adult content this performance may not be appropriate for audience members under the age of 18. *Velvetville* has been made possible by a generous grant from Dan W. Dietrich, Hamilton College class of 1964.

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Women's X-C starts strong

by Michael Everhart '03
Sports Writer

The women's cross-country team started the season on a very positive note by easily defeating Union College 16-47 at home last weekend. The conditions were not optimal but there was a surprisingly large crowd, due in part to the vocal men's soccer team. Alyson Grant '04, who missed the entire 2001 season, led the Continentals by finishing first with a time of 19:13.7. It was her first career victory.

Grant said, "It's great to be back on the team. I think everyone worked really well together against Union." Following shortly behind Grant were tri-captain Jen Cammarano '03 and Julianna Allport '05, who registered times of 19:16.5 and 19:26.8, respectively.

Tri-captain Marisabel Portillo '03 said, "It was a great start to the season, and I think people were pretty happy with their performances. Now everyone knows where they are individually and can work on improving themselves."

Margo Rockwell '05 finished fourth overall with a time of 19:51.1; Union's first runner finished 9.8 seconds behind Rockwell. Coach Ellen Hull said, "I was very pleased with the team's performance, especially since we had two weeks of hard practice before the meet and didn't peak for it."

Leading the new runners was Sarah Taylor '03, who finished sixth overall with a time of 20:36.9 and rounded out the team's top five. The next ten finishers (Katie Riposta '06, Keira Moore '06, Courtney Chapman '05, Heather King '06, Amanda Chase '03, Courtney Johnson '06, Ruth Leoniuk '05, Portillo, Allison Nichols '06, and Emily Dick '06) were all Continentals, with times ranging from 21:02.8 to 22:31.7.

Hull commented, "We've got lots of depth this season. There was only about one minute between our fifth and twelfth runners. Our top four runners were also pretty close together."

Isabel Ezrati '03 and Kate Nelson '06 rounded out the team with times of 23:29.8 and 27:39.8. Grant said, "We've got great team chemistry right now. Everyone's working hard and very supportive and we're enjoying ourselves."

Tomorrow the team, ranked twelfth nationally, travels to Syracuse University to compete for the first time in the Orange Classic.

Hull said, "There should be some good competition at Syracuse. It's going to be pretty hilly because we're running on the Drumlins golf course." Some of the teams competing tomorrow are Syracuse, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Plattsburgh, Lemoyne College, and the College of St. Rose. Grant added, "Tomorrow will be a good challenge for us; there are going to be some very good runners and a lot of runners to deal with." Next weekend the team travels to Cortland to take on some of its NYSCTC rivals.

Golf finishes 13th at Middlebury

by Sports Staff

This past weekend, the golf team traveled to Middlebury to participate in the Duke Nelson Tournament against major Division III teams from all over New England.

While the team performance was only satisfactory(a 13th place finish out of 25 teams), Brian Williams, so far the Continentals leading scorer, responded to the challenge by tying for first place in a field of well over one hundred golfers. His score of 76 followed by an outstanding 72 in threatening weather was very impressive. Williams tied for the individual championship with Aaron Funk of Williams College, but a playoff could not be held due to threatening thunderstorms in the area. Williams College won the team championship with an excellent 602 two-day total, 15 strokes ahead of second place Nazareth College and Salem State.

In addition, Dan Head '03 was a model of consistency for Hamilton, turning in scores of 77 and 79. Tom Paolini '03 fired a 78 on Saturday and Tom Ferrero '04 shot a solid 82 on Saturday, but neither Paolini, Ferrero, or fifth man Graham Stephens '04 was able to turn in consistently good scores both days. Coach Alex Smith was pleased with the strength the team showed in tying for first place at Skidmore's tournament last week and thinks the team, if it plays to its potential, will turn in a stronger performance at the Williams College Invitational this weekend.

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Dear Patriots fans,

Whoa, whoa, take it easy now folks. It's only week three. Come on, this is as bad as the SI jinx. Seriously. Yeah, I saw the Steelers game. Brady looked good. And I did see that thing that passed for a game last week against the Lets. Hey, Tupa led the Green Machine with 14 ground yards. Gotta give the ol'

ANDY HORNER '03
MANAGING EDITOR

D some credit for that. Especially with Curtis Martin being as nasty as he is. But still. The Patriots are going to win 13? 12? 567? Let's all take a deep breath and come back to the NFL, a league in which anything can, and usually does, happen. Your Pats are living proof of that, after all.

So right about now, if you're from anywhere in the greater New England area, you're probably getting ready to find me and throw a snowball through my face. No wait, that's what Giants fans do. Sorry. But wait. Before you drag me behind your four-wheeler all the way down the Masspike, let me explain why I'm not ready to declare the Patriots champs again and move on to hockey season.

First of all, as I mentioned, the season is only two weeks old. This time last year, people were saying that the Cincinnati Bengals looked like a playoff contender. Well that sure didn't happen, now did it? Ok, ok, put that shottie down and stop searching for the buckshot. I am not comparing the Patriots to the Bengals. I'm just saying that two weeks don't mean a damn thing. Remind me again how the Pats started last year, will you please?

Hey now, before you pass me off as yet another hater, let me tell you a story about the evening of February 3rd, 2002. I'm with a big crowd in the room of a good buddy of mine, Jon Pintoff. Lots of Pats fans. Lots of non-Pats fans pulling like crazy for the underdog. A couple of those really aggravating people who want the Rams to pull it out. Lots of brews. As the rams tie it up at 17, my jaw drops open. I almost drop my brew. Almost. And I start saying to myself, no way, no way, the bad guys can win this one. I'm almost in tears at this point, and I'm from New York. I loved Dan Marino and now I love Ricky Williams.

As I watched Brady lead the Pats on what may be the most memorable drive that I have ever witnessed on live television, I'm hollering almost as loud as my good pal Rich Waite, who is about as New England as they come (straight outta those Green Mountains).

We're sitting on the couch right next to each other, and we're going nuts. The aggravating Rams fans are grimacing. And then it's Vinatieri time. I drop my brew. Right on the floor, and I don't even look down. It was great, an unforgettable moment. The underdog had done it, and that was damn near as good as my beloved, useless Dolphins doing it.

Anyway, what I'm trying to express here is that I'm no hater. The Pats were a magical team last season. And this season, they are undeniably a more well-rounded and skilled squad. No doubt about it, they are better this year than they were last year. Better defense, better O-line, better Brady.

But let's really look at these victories that have supposedly solidified their position as the best team in the league.

Week 1, they beat up on a Pittsburgh team that essentially plays an entire football game without a quarterback, a running back, or wide receivers. Kordell Stewart looked like the Kordell Stewart of 2001. His passes seemed to be overly affected by the laws of gravity. And when he did manage to get the ball to a receiver without bouncing it a few times, the receiver seemed dead set against receiving the ball. Butterfingers 'R' Us, and you can't deny it. And as for a running back, I know that the Steelers have a big, bad dude named Jerome Bettis. A big bad dude who carried the football a grand total of eight times. Eight carries for 35 yards. 4.4 yards per carry ain't half bad. Bill Cowher must have had his entire head up his ass to not let The Bus roll in what was a very tight first half. The Pats played a good game, but when you really look at the stats, the Steelers (players and coach together) really beat themselves more than anything.

And Week 2, against those wonderful Jets, who many experts had coming out of the AFC East as champions. How about that, you say in your hearty Boston accent. My first point is that apparently it is a requirement that to be on an expert you must smoke marijuana constantly. Then everybody is a winner, heehee! Ugh, anyone from New York knows better than to think that the New York Jets will finish above .500. Anyone with half a brain, that is. So in this game, it's pretty much the same story as the last one. A quarterback who can't throw straight, and a coach who seemingly forgets that he has Curtis Martin in his backfield. I mean, Curtis freaking Martin! He doesn't even get to carry the ball eight times. Herman Edwards deems him worthy of a grand total of four carries. In a game that is only 10-0 Pats at half time. Give me a break. If you didn't know before that the Jets have the worst play calling in the league, you should now.

Ok, so there it is. That's my argument. It's not meant to prove that the New England Patriots are not going to win the Super Bowl again. I am not saying that they are not a good team, or even a very good team.

I'm only trying to talk some sense into you people, for goodness sake. The Pats will play this season in a division with two other very good teams.

The Bills and Drew Bledsoe can certainly put up the points, and over in Miami my boys have assembled a very decent squad. I'm not saying that either squad is better, or worse, than the Pats. I'm just saying that New England gets to play both those teams twice this season. They also get to play Green Bay, Minnesota, Tennessee, and Chicago over the course of the season. Those guys ain't no pushovers, ya know?

So before you go off and predict a 13 win season from the Pats, take a moment and look around at the rest of the league. Lots of good teams out there. And anyway, as Pats fans, you really oughta know that this is the NFL, and any given year, anybody can win it (including people who don't seem to have a chance three weeks into the season). You just never quite know, and you damn sure don't know after Week 2.

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Hamilton easily runs over Nazareth 2-0

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After racing down the field, Sky Gellatly (5) looks to cross against Ithaca.

Could the 2002 Hamilton men's soccer team actually be better than the 2001 edition? It may still be too early to tell, but the Continentals took their first step toward making that claim this past Tuesday when they traveled to Nazareth College and handed the Golden Flyers a 2-0 loss on their home field. While Hamilton was able to dominate the game both offensively and defensively, it seems likely that the best is yet come.

The Nazareth game started slowly, as the two squads muscled for position in the midfield. Slowly but surely, thanks mainly to their dominance in the air, Hamilton took control of the game. The physical play of the Continentals provided Hamilton forwards Sky Gellatly '03, Dimitry Maurice '04, and Wes Sherman '04 numerous scoring opportunities, as the scoring trio totaled five shots on goal between them for the game. However, the Golden Flyers were able to avert disaster for over 44 minutes, and it began to look like they would escape to halftime with a tied match.

Then, only seconds before the close of the first half, Hamilton midfielder Mike Galante '04 found fellow playmaker Mike Thompson '03 down the field with the long ball, and Nazareth could do nothing but watch as their hopes for at least a tie vanished. Thompson promptly fired the ball towards goal. A number of players then moved it to where Pete Smithson '03 could bury the ball off the crossbar on a header to give Hamilton a 1-0 lead.

"There was a good series of balls played down the field," recounted Smithson, "and on a good cross into the box I was able to get my head on it, and put it on target past the goalie."

Equipped with this advantage and a defensive unit, led as always by sweeper Huy Huynh '03, that absolutely refused to allow anything easy, the Continentals appeared to be in good shape. Making the task facing the Golden Flyers even more daunting was the exceptional play of Hamilton's first-year starter in goal, Greg Zalasky '04.

"I made a couple of mistakes in the second half concerning bobbled balls and whether or not to come out and gather the ball," Zalasky modestly said, "However we still got the result we wanted..."

Co-captain Gellatly, however, acknowledged Zalasky's fine play, saying "Zalasky and Huy obviously held it down in the back once again."

The scoring in the game was rounded out by Galante's first goal of the season, which was set up by Maurice in front of the Nazareth goal, and Hamilton emerged with their first win of the season in impressive fashion. Their domination in the midfield was once again key, and their conditioning has certainly improved, despite the fact that it might not yet be quite where they would like.

"Nazareth's field was small and we were under constant pressure to play quickly," explained co-captain Thompson. "This made us have to play a more staight game, which calls for a lot of running off the ball. Therefore our week of conditioning beforehand was definitely a factor in the victory." In addition to being faster, the Continentals also were stronger, evidenced by their numerous wins of balls in the air.

"I thought our team played much more physically this week with regards to dominating play in the air," explained Gellatly, "especially Craig Lei ('04), Pete Smithson, and Dimitry Maurice."

Smithson, impressed by the overall performance of the team, said, "I thought we picked up our defensive intensity. We gave up very few quality scoring chances, and were winning balls out of the back. Our forwards also worked hard making good runs and they created a lot of scoring chances for themselves and the midfielders."

He added, "It's not easy to play on the road, so picking up a win away from our home field is great for our confidence."

And so the winning begins for the 2002 Continentals, and if all goes according to plan, it shouldn't end any time soon. This Saturday the Continentals will travel to Oswego for an afternoon match with a highly skilled team from Oswego State University.

Thompson added, "I think once we play together more and get into the flow of our season, we will be able to beat anyone in the northeast."

Yup, that about sums it up.

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Hamilton football looks to improve upon a dismal 2001 season

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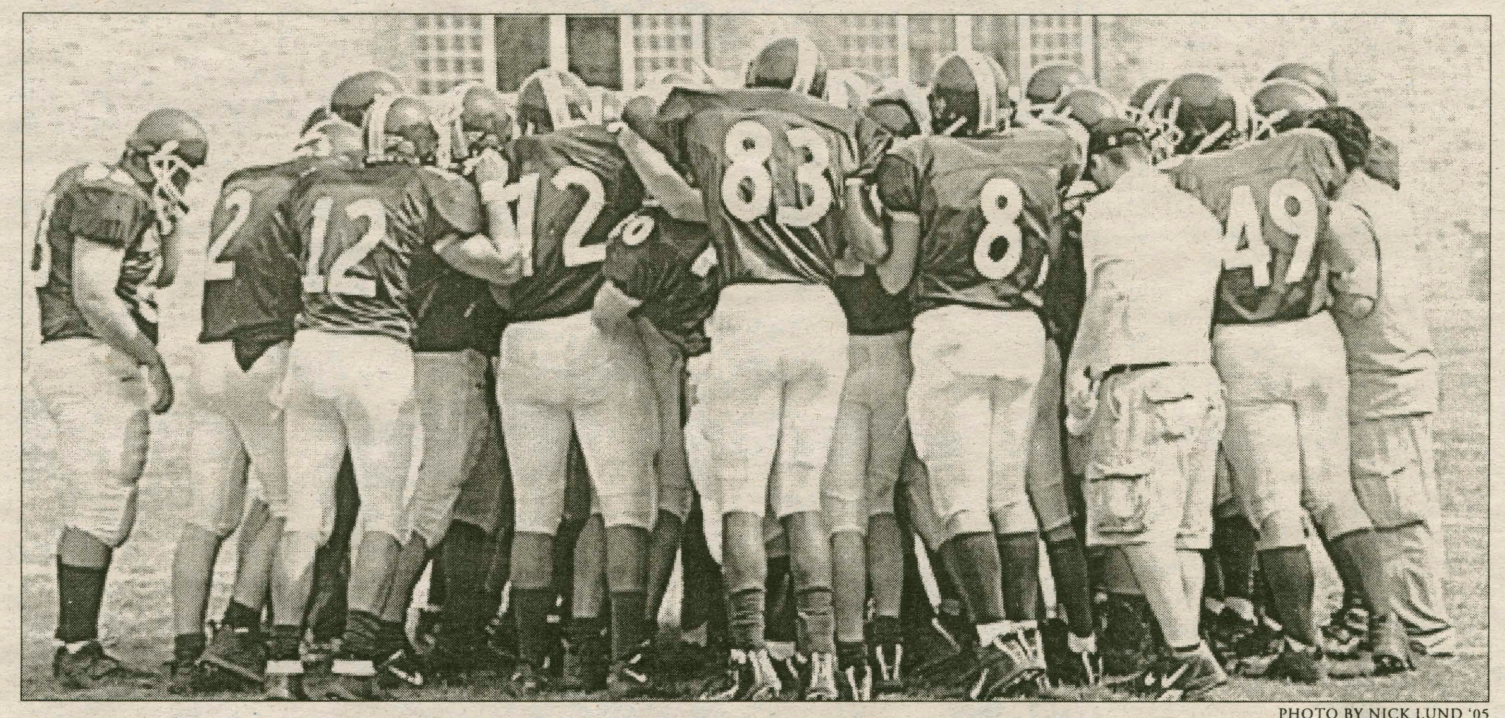

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Hamilton needs to work as a team if it is going to take out bigger, stronger Tufts this weekend on the road.

Despite losing some major contributors on both sides of the ball, the 2002 Hamilton Continentals football team will look to improve upon its 1-7 mark and prove everyone in Clinton, New York very, very wrong. In 2002, with its best performance of the season, Hamilton bested Bates College in front of a big Senior Day crowd by a score of 22-13, narrowly escaping a second consecutive winless season.

Now in his second year, head coach Peter Alvanos and his staff, formerly of Swarthmore College, will have to rely upon a very young group which includes only two seniors projected to start on both offense and defense.

"The biggest change for us is that we are a lot younger and less experienced. The guys that graduated all played a significant amount all season, and the 22 who are starting now have very minimal and in some cases no game experience. That's a big challenge," said Alvanos.

The leaders on the defensive side will be strong safety Jasen Wright '03 and cornerback Marcus Juba '03. Wright registered 27 tackles in six games a year ago, while Juba missed much of the season with an injury. Chandler Long '03, who had a very strong season in 2001 with 51 tackles and two interceptions, will start the season on the shelf, but should contribute once he gets healthy.

Defensive coordinator John Keady commented, "Our strength on defense will definitely be our secondary because we have three guys back and some good young talent as well. Wright and Juba should lead the way, and if (Peter)Simon ('05) has another good season, that unit will be solid."

Simon earned NESCAC Defensive Freshman of the Year honors in 2001, registering 21 tackles and a team-high four picks. Also on the defensive side of the ball, Chris Smith '04, Sam Bowlby '04, and Mike Murphy '05 will all need to step up and make big contributions in the absence of last year's defensive leaders Mike Powers '02 (78 tackles, 1 sack), Ryan Nolan '02(63 tackles, 1 int.), and Joe Mearn '02(56 tackles, 1 sack). Smith led last year's club with four sacks and eleven tackles for a loss, while Bowlby pitched in 31 tackles and one and half sacks to the Continental "D". On the offensive side of the football, the story is much the same for the Conts. The loss of star running back Chris Weeden '02, whose 841 rushing yards, 977 total yards, and five touchdowns were all team-highs, will leave quite a void in the Continental attack. Elijah Huling '04 will attempt to step in and fill Weeden's big shoes, joining fullback Logan Pascarella '03 in the backfield. Pascarella did an excellent job blocking for Weeden last season, while notching 116 rushing yards himself.

"Our goals are to be as competitive as we can be this year. We know we're going to be outnumbered and outsized, but we just want to compete for four quarters and never give up," said Alvanos. "This year, despite our low numbers, everyone seems to be moving at a little faster tempo, and with a little better attitude. Our work ethic is better than last year and every day of practice there's a lot of enthusiasm out there, which is a breath of fresh air."

Taking the snaps for the Conts will be second year quarterback Greg LiVigne '05, who split time last season with Mike Pellman '02. Livigne showed flashes of brilliance in 2001, but will need to find a bit more consistency if the offense is to be successful. He completed 41.6% of his passes in his rookie campaign for 290 yards and a touchdown. His targets will include wide receivers Kyle Graham '06, and Ragnar Gearhart '04, neither of whom saw significant action in 2001. Tight ends James Trummer '06 and Kevin Conole '04 should also contribute to the air attack. Conole caught 15 passes for 198 yards as a sophomore, and those numbers should only improve in his junior season.

"Our biggest strength is probably our athleticism. We have two skilled quarterbacks, wideouts, linebackers, and a secondary which is composed of true athletes," remarked Alvanos. "Our lack of depth and size will be disadvantages, but our athleticism and work ethic should be able to make up for some of that."

The offensive line, much like the defensive, will be severely undersized. An average weight of around 240 will leave them about 35 pounds lighter than the line of opening day opponent Tufts University.

The leader of the line will be Andy Basco '03, one of two offensive seniors. Basco said, "With such a young team, it'll be important for the young guys to know that they're a part of the team early on, and also for the older guys to help them out and lead the way as much as possible." He went on, "We're looking forward to Tufts this weekend. If we can block well up front, we'll give ourselves a chance to be successful.

When the Continentals travel to Tufts on Saturday, they'll be taking on a Jumbos team that went 6-2 last season and will be returning sixteen starters. The Tufts defense allowed only 10.4 points per game in 2001, fourth lowest in the nation.

The Jumbos lost leading rusher Keven Kelley '02, who ran for a school record 1,079 yards a year ago, but Chuck McGraw '04 will step in to try and fill that void in 2002. He rushed for nearly 500 yards in his sophomore season and should improve upon that as the full-time tailback.

"This team needs to find its identity, and that's what we'll be looking to do this weekend," said Alvanos. "We need to know which guys are going to step up and make plays. (Tufts) is a good football team, and they have 16 starters back, so if we make a lot of young, inexperienced mistakes we're going to lose badly. We just need to keep our tempo up, and if we go 100 miles an hour the whole game and keep working hard, we'll give ourselves a good chance to win."

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Second year head coach Peter Alvanos tries to tackle the Continental's lack of experience, size and depth.